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## World

**Saudi terror amnesty:** Mosque preachers and relatives of militants joined the government's call Friday for Islamic terrorists to surrender under a limited amnesty offered by King Fahd. "This is a blessing for which you should thank God and comply with," the Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdel Aziz bin Al-Sheik, said in the Friday prayers sermon in the main mosque of the capital.

**Frozen embryos battle:** The Court of Appeal in London ruled Friday that a woman left infertile following cancer treatment can not use frozen embryos she created with her former partner.

However, Lord Justice Thorpe ordered that the embryos should not be destroyed until Natalie Evans, 32, decides whether to appeal the court's decision.

Thorpe's ruling is the second blow to the legal challenge by Evans against the Human Fertilization and Embryology Act, which requires the destruction of embryos unless both parties consent to use.

**Protests against United States:** Carrying signs reading "Bush Is The World's Biggest Liar," nearly 100 protesters marched to the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to urge the United States to withdraw its troops from Iraq. The alliance of a dozen activist groups, dubbed Solidarity for World Peace, said the United States "has no right to interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq and to maintain troops in Iraq any longer," according to a letter the protesters delivered to an embassy official.

**Russia attacks:** The top security official in the southern Russian republic of Ingushetia denied Friday that security services had acted illegally when they swept into camps housing Chechen refugees to search for alleged participants in a nighttime attack this week that killed at least 98 people.

Sergei Koryakov, the chief of a regional branch of the Federal Security Service, said the search operations "are being conducted in compliance with the law and under the supervision of the prosecution authorities," the Interfax news agency reported.

**Marcos documentary:** The widow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos won a temporary court order to keep a documentary about her out of theaters in the Philippines after she tearfully protested that the film shows her in a bad light.



Marcos

Imelda Marcos, who became a symbol of the extravagance of dictatorship with her enormous shoe collection, petitioned the Manila Regional Trial Court in Manila last week to ban the award-winning documentary "Imelda."

She argued she had approved the film only as a school project, not as a commercial movie.

**SARS vaccine:** An experimental nasal immunization for the respiratory illness SARS has proved effective in a test on monkeys and suggests a vaccine for humans might be most effectively delivered through the nose.

A study published Friday in The Lancet medical journal found that four African green monkeys given a single dose of the vaccine and then infected four weeks later with the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome virus developed neutralizing antibodies and showed no sign of the disease in their respiratory tracts.

## Nation

**Scott Peterson trial:** The attorney for Scott Peterson got a police detective to concede he intentionally failed to mention a witness who could help clear the former fertilizer salesman of killing his pregnant wife.

Mark Geragos used the admission Thursday by Detective Allen Brochini to support his contention that the investigation was a sloppily executed effort to implicate Peterson, regardless of the evidence.

The witness is a woman who recalled seeing Laci Peterson at the warehouse where her husband stored his small boat.

**Risky spacewalk:** An apparent oxygen leak ended an unusually risky spacewalk just 14 minutes after it began, and sent the international space station's two astronauts rushing back inside to safety.

Flight controllers said the spacewalk — to repair a fried circuit breaker — would not be attempted again until Tuesday at the earliest. Astronaut Mike Fincke had just floated outside early Thursday evening, with cosmonaut Gennady Padalka close on his heels, when the chilling words came from Mission Control: "You need to return. Something is not right."

**BITK strangler:** Investigators said Thurs-

day that letters sent to police and a television station in Wichita, Kan., appear to be the latest communications from a serial killer who resurfaced this year after more than two decades of silence.

Wichita police received a letter earlier this month describing the 1974 strangulation of four family members — the earliest of eight deaths for which the killer known as the BITK strangler has claimed responsibility.

**Martha Stewart trial:** The government urged a federal judge to postpone the trial in New York on Thursday to reject Martha Stewart's latest bid for a new trial based on charges that a Secret Service ink expert lied on the witness stand.

Larry Stewart, who is no relation to Martha Stewart, testified about ink analysis of a worksheet prepared by Bacanovic that reflected stocks in Martha Stewart's portfolio. Prosecutors say he lied by saying he took part in the ink testing.



Stewart

**Box cutter stunt:** A university student who says he hid box cutters on airplanes to expose weaknesses in security was sentenced in Baltimore on Thursday to two years supervised probation and fined \$500.

Nathaniel Heatwell also must serve 100 hours of community service and reimburse his parents for up to \$500 in legal expenses.

**Nader challenge:** Two Arizona voters on Wednesday filed the first Democratic challenge to independent Ralph Nader's bid to get on a state's November presidential ballot.

The Democrats' lawsuit alleged that more than 70 percent of the 21,500 petition signatures filed on behalf of Nader are invalid. Nader needs 14,694 valid signatures to get on the Arizona ballot.

**Ghost ships:** Three obsolete ships will leave the James River "Ghost Fleet" in Newport News, Va., this summer to be scrapped, and the U.S. Maritime Administration hopes to award contracts soon to dismantle seven more, the agency's top official said Thursday.

The agency awarded contracts totaling \$3.1 million to Marine Metals of Brownsville, Texas, and Harco Ship Recycling of Baltimore, Md., to dismantle seven ships considered a high priority for dismantling and recycling because of their deteriorating condition.

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# Man overboard: 'A scary ordeal'

## When a sailor falls into the sea, steady nerves and training are keys to survival

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE,

**P**etty Officer 2nd Class John A. Caldwell walked around the aircraft he was inspecting on the carrier's flight deck, flashlight pointed up to avoid striking the jet's wing overhead.

He felt something below his feet, stumbled and felt himself turn over into nothingness. He grabbed for the edge of the deck but slipped and fell, head first, 75 feet into inky black waters.

It was February, nearly 3 a.m., and miles from land. Caldwell, an aviation structural mechanic, was one of two sailors who fell overboard from the USS Kitty Hawk on its recent spring cruise.

Seaman Michael C. Moyer fell two weeks later, prompting ship leaders to crack down on safety awareness.

The rescues, both successful, demonstrated the ship's ability to respond to a man-overboard call. That call "puts into motion a whole bunch of things," said Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Deshotel, the ship's first lieutenant who runs the deck department.

The bridge brings the boat around, to get closer and to help block wind and waves. Crews prepare the rescue boats or helicopters.

The rescue boat is ready in four minutes and the entire crew of about 5,000 assembles within 12 minutes for a head count.

"When you do a man overboard, it robs everybody of sleep," Deshotel said. "The whole ship participates."

### From the flight deck

On Feb. 25, in waters between Japan and Guam, Caldwell was working on a jet that, earlier in the day, had been parked far from the deck's edge. He didn't know it was moved until he tumbled over the side.

"You kind of have that sense of nothing under you," Caldwell recalled. "I literally told myself three times 'I'm going to hit the water' before I hit. It's a long drop."

Training took over. He checked to see that his strobe light worked and curled into a ball to conserve heat.

"It's a scary ordeal, but panicking doesn't help," he said.

Minutes later inside a rescue boat, Airman Marion Stanley, an aviation ordnanceman in the ship's weapons department and one of the ship's three rescue swimmers, was looking for the strobe light.

"It can never be as intense during a training scenario" as in real life, he said. "You're nervous the entire time because you don't want to mess up and let him down. Even though the guy is OK, you think about the worst."

Caldwell was composed when Stanley swam up. Stanley asked him if he was injured and told him to remain calm. Part of his job as rescuer is to be a counselor if needed. Victims can be confused, distrustful, nervous or violent, Deshotel said.

Stanley pulled Caldwell to safety, the boat returned to the ship and Stanley returned to work. He shrugs off the experience as part of his job, albeit a rewarding one.

"It's something that anybody would have done given the opportunity. I just had the opportunity to do it," he said. "Helping somebody out is probably the best feeling you can ever get."

### A missing line

In the evening of March 14 en route to South Korea, Moyer was standing on a small deck with a friend after work. For security, lights on the ship were out.

Moyer was leaning on a rail. When it was time to go back into the ship, he reached for a rope rail called a lifeline to push himself up. But the line was missing, he recalled.

He lost his footing and tumbled over.

"I tried to grab anything," he said. But there was nothing to grab. He started to fall. He wasn't wearing a life vest or any other safety equipment. His friend raced for help.

"It was night and if his buddy wasn't there, we wouldn't have known he had fallen," Deshotel said.

Someone threw Moyer a life ring wrapped in a seawater-activated strobe light.

He doesn't remember feeling the water. But he remembers watching the massive ship get smaller and smaller. At 28 knots (32 mph), a typical cruising speed, the ship can travel a mile and a half in three minutes, Deshotel said.

Petty Officer 1st Class Marc Ennis and Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron J. Beugler were in a Seahawk helicopter at the time, ready in case a jet crashed during flight operations on deck. They heard the call over the radio.

Using night-vision goggles, they spotted the strobe in a matter of minutes. The helicopter swooped around and stopped on a second pass.

Ennis dropped into the water, attached a harness to Moyer and gave the signal to Beugler to hoist them up.

Although Moyer knew someone saw him and that rescuers would come soon, he said it's still hard to escape the thought that just maybe they won't.

"That is going to go through your mind," he said.

Moyer now hopes to become a search-and-rescue swimmer. The incident definitely taught him a lesson.

"You can never be too careful," he said. After the rescue "I felt like 'how can you be so dumb,' but it was an accident."

### Lessons learned

Caldwell's fall also was accidental, but he berates himself for it, too.

"If I was paying more attention



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

**Petty Officer 2nd Class John Caldwell was rescued at sea after he fell off the USS Kitty Hawk's flight deck while performing an inspection on an F-18 Super Hornet.**

to the deck and not the aircraft," he said. "I should have paid more attention. I'm very lucky because I know a lot of people who weren't found or were injured."

Overboards are not typical, but the Navy requires constant training for them. Within 12 hours of setting sail, a ship must hold a man-overboard drill and repeat it regularly.

"If you do what you're supposed to do, you don't fall over," Deshotel said. In 25 years in the Navy, this was his first experience with such an incident.

The Navy recorded 46 man-overboard search-and-rescue operations in 2002. The Kitty Hawk has had five in the past three years.

Most are successful, but even simple rescues can have complications.

Last year on Bermuda, a sailor playing football on deck stumbled overboard from the USS Nas-

sau in calm waters and never was found, according to CNN.

A year earlier, a sailor aboard the USS Constellation was blown off the flight deck. He spent seven hours in the waters off San Diego before being rescued, CNN reported.

Rescue swimmers say they expect some overboards are initially suicidal, but often sailors decide they want to live after spending a few minutes completely alone in the water, Beugler said.

Even when the victim is calm and the rescue easy, it's unnerving.

"When you're out there you really don't think about it. You just want someone to get out there," Caldwell said.

He can joke about it now, but he still hasn't told his mother.

"I'm not very religious, but I do feel someone was watching out for me that night."

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# Conference tackles challenges of human trafficking

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

**TOKYO** — Mitsuko Horuchi of the International Labour Organization's Tokyo office described the plight of a woman she recently worked with.

The woman, while living in Thailand, was offered a job in a Thai restaurant in Japan. She took the job and traveled on a forged passport with a man posing as her boyfriend. He kept the passport.

Once here, she was handed to another person and told she owed nearly 5 million yen [about \$46,300] for her trip. Instead of working as a waitress, she was forced into prostitution.

The woman escaped and, using her basic

English skills, caught a taxi to her embassy, where she was rescued.

The woman is one of millions in the same situation around the world, Horuchi told journalists Friday as officials wrapped up the "Strategies for Combating Human Trafficking in Asia" conference. In Japan, women from Asia, Europe and South America are coerced into prostitution — the problem is so prevalent that no one knows how many women are involved, Horuchi said.

"The trafficking of human beings has become an urgent global challenge," said Melaine Verveer, chairman of the nonprofit Vital Voices Global Partnership organization. "It is a profound violation of human rights, and it is increasingly a global health problem."

To raise awareness of trafficking,

Verveer's group joined governmental and nongovernmental organizations for the two-day conference last week in Tokyo. The International Labour Organization and the U.S. Embassy also participated.

The conference was created to highlight some of the issues contributing to trafficking: Supply is fueled by poverty; governments are not doing enough to prosecute criminal networks behind the industry; and markets and demand are growing.

Verveer said all nations must find ways to combat the problem. One way, she said, is treating women as victims rather than immigration violators. Offering them appropriate support will help them to assist prosecutors, she said, adding that societies also must help prevent the problem by cre-

ating better situations for the poor women who often are tricked into the trade.

Nations also must increase prosecution and legislation against trafficking in human beings and the sex trade, she said.

This month, the State Department released its latest survey on countries participating in the trafficking of human beings. Japan ranked poorly on the list, largely because of a dearth of legislation to stop the problem, the survey noted, making it a destination for human traffickers.

In 2002, the Defense Department's Office of the Inspector General determined that military participation in the sex trade was contributing to the problem in South Korea and demanded commands crack down on the issue there.

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# Japan tours for single Marines set at 2 years

## Corps tweaks timeline for eliminating 12-month stays; Camp Fuji exempted

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The U.S. Marine Corps is tweaking the timeline for eliminating one-year unaccompanied tours for most Marines in Japan.

After announcing in October that the one-year unaccompanied tours would be phased out over five years for all Marines assigned to the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases, Japan, Headquarters Marine Corps last week modified the policy. Starting soon, the tour for the single Marines' initial assignment to Japan will be two years.

The only exception is for Marines at Camp Fuji, which will remain a 12-month unaccompanied assignment for all personnel, according to MARADAMP 267/04, an administrative order published Tuesday.

The phase-in of the two-year unaccompanied tours for all other Marines, which began in April for officers and O-5 and above and E-8 and E-9 enlisted personnel, was not changed.

A Marine spokesman on Okinawa says the timeline for the change of policy is still being worked out.

"The new assignment policy is

being phased in over a five-year period," stated the modification to the assignment policy. "The full details are still in development, but has commenced with the assignment of colonels, lieutenant colonels, sergeants major, master gunnery sergeants, first sergeants and master sergeants."

The change affects only junior Marines with more than two years left on their first enlistment.

"Single first term Marines will be assigned to Okinawa and Iwakuni on a 24-month unaccompanied tour," the order states. Marines with less than two years left on their enlistment will be as-

signed a tour in line with their time left in service.

"This will be the exception, not the norm," the order states. "Every effort will be made to send Marines with at least 24 months remaining [on their enlistments]."

Okinawa officials, pushing to reduce the number of troops and bases on the island, were assured by the Marine Corps last year that the tour change would not add to the 17,000 Marines assigned to Okinawa. The change will, however, probably increase the number of family members on the island.

About 29 percent of the Ma-

rine on Okinawa are under the six and seven-month unit deployment program from stateside bases and wouldn't be affected by the change in tours. Of the remaining permanent personnel assigned to the III MEF, about 75 percent are on Okinawa in 12-month unaccompanied assignments.

Many single Marines assigned to Okinawa for the one-year tours apply for a one-year extension, Marine officials said.

When the tour-change was first announced in October, Marine officials said it was to "create greater continuity and unit stability."

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### Housing fire at Yokota

Two families at Yokota Air Base, Japan, remained in temporary housing Friday after an unattended cooking fire broke out in a tower apartment the night before, base fire officials said.

There were no injuries, and apartment sprinklers put out the blaze.

The fire occurred in Tower 3000 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thursday, officials said. The fire department responded to the scene in one minute, and that limited the extent of damages.

Officials estimate damage at about \$350, but a final amount will be determined Tuesday.

### Misawa water reduction

Misawa Air Base, Japan, residents should be aware of a reduction in water production due to a system upgrade at the base's main water plant. This cutback is in effect until Nov. 1 for all main base residents.

All base residents are asked to stop watering lawns, washing privately owned cars and running dishwashers and laundry machines that are not fully loaded.

Additionally, garbage disposals and water should be turned off when the grinding has ended and

all leaky faucets should be reported immediately. More information can be obtained by calling DSN 226-3694.

### VA rep to Misawa

A Veterans Affairs representative will visit Misawa Air Base, Japan, on Monday through Friday to discuss issues and answer benefits questions.

The representative is available from 10 a.m. to noon all week except on Tuesday, when the hours will be 2-4 p.m. Briefings will be at the Mokuteki Community Center ballroom. Individual appointments are also available and will take place at the Family Support Center.

Call DSN 226-4735 for more information.

### Customer service hours

There are new customer service hours at the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Traffic Management Flight on Misawa Air Base, Japan.

The hours will be 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays. For more information, call DSN 226-4027.

From staff reports

# Experts debate ways of dealing with nuke ambitions of N. Korea

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Amid the backdrop of touch-and-go six-nation negotiations and the 54th anniversary of the Korean War's beginning, a panel of North Korea experts gave little hope Friday that a resolution to the ongoing nuclear crisis would soon be found.

Whether hawk or dove, the four panelists, brought together by the Asia Foundation, all had the same conclusion: Until provoked, be it carrot or stick, the North Korean regime wouldn't simply give up its best bargaining chips.

"There is no disagreement between anyone: North Korea is an evil, brutal, repressive regime. There are very few people out there who think Kim Jong Il is a misunderstood guy," said David Kang, a professor of government at Dartmouth College and a noted commentator on North Korea.

"But engagement debates come down to one issue. Ultimately, does North Korea have genuine security fears or not? If they don't have legitimate fears, then what they're doing is blackmail."

On the other hand, Kang said, if North Korea is justified in feeling threatened by the United States, the possibility of pre-emptive military action won't make the regime feel any more secure.

David Cha, of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and co-author with Kang on a new book about the North Korea crisis, said the U.S. public was getting a largely "uninformed and hyperbolic" view of the situation.

While a military solution could never be fully ruled out, he said, the "Libyan Model" could help end the standoff. Earlier this year, after years of negotiations, Libya agreed to withdraw its nuclear weapons program.

Cha also said recent changes to the U.S.-South Korea alliance were not signs of weakness, but moves that would eventually have positive results.

"It has become the alliance everyone loves to hate," Cha said. "But you have to distinguish between the process and the outcome. The process has not been pretty for the past year and a half, but if we look at outcomes, it hasn't been that bad."

Of course, one of the problems when dealing with the North Korea crisis is events have a way of outpacing the latest thinking.

Because the situation changes so rapidly, said Lee Guen of the Korea Institute for Future Strategy, "any discussion that is no longer relevant should be thrown out."

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# Insurgents' strength, skill alarm U.S. GIs

BY SCOTT WILSON  
The Washington Post

BAQOUBA, Iraq — The 1st Infantry Division soldiers who walked off the battlefield Thursday, exhausted by the frantic pace of combat and a baking summer sun, had seen nothing like it in their three months here.

In dawn-to-dusk fighting, more than 100 armed insurgents overran neighborhoods and occupied downtown buildings, using techniques that U.S. commanders said resembled those once employed by the Iraqi army.

Well-equipped and highly coordinated, the insurgents demonstrated a new level of strength and tactical skill that alarmed the soldiers facing them.

By the end of the day, infantry and armored patrols had driven the insurgents from the battered center of the city, though some remained in control of two police stations in districts long hostile to the occupation. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in the fight, including a company commander struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

"They were definitely better than what we normally face," said Lt. T.J. Grider, 25, whose platoon fought for more than 12 hours.

"But I think what we did today was pretty significant."

Coming less than a week before the U.S. occupation formally ends, the attacks brought into

**"[The enemy's] still in the city, and he's hiding. But he'll be back."**

**Lt. Col. Steve Bullimore**  
Task force commander

sharp focus the threat the lies ahead for Iraq's interim government and the challenge that remains for U.S. forces who will remain here to defend it. The U.S.-trained Iraqi police were routed or abandoned their posts rather than face a more capable foe, and military commanders here said the battle for the city was far from over.

The insurgents fought in large, coordinated squads, set complex ambushes and occupied downtown buildings from which they apparently planned a long fight, U.S. military commanders said.

Striking first along two key avenues bracketing the city, the insurgents intended to isolate and overrun the local Coalition Provisional Authority compound and other downtown government buildings, the commanders said.

Several U.S. commanders suggested the tactics had been taught in recent weeks by skilled guerrilla commanders from outside the city, perhaps led by foreign fighters who came to Iraq to fight the American-led occupation.

They noted that the city's merchants received no warning of the attack, as they had before an armed uprising here in April.

Many people struggled through rush-hour traffic, only to be turned away by the fighting.

The preparation had apparently been under way for weeks, with the attacks timed to be part of a series across Iraq on Thursday. After a powerful U.S. airstrike stopped the insurgents' momentum here before noon, soldiers found large weapon stockpiles in the rubble of a building and machine-gun positions set up at a technical college nearby.

"He's still in the city, and he's hiding. But he'll be back," said Lt. Col. Steve Bullimore, the task force commander responsible for Baqouba, referring to his enemy. "I'm regrouping and waiting for the next fight. But I don't know when that will be."

Baqouba, which sits amid groves of date palms and scorched plains 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, has troubled U.S. forces throughout the occupation. Its political life was controlled for years by tribal leaders and former military officers, who lived well when Saddam Hussein was in power. Now many of them are the foot soldiers and mid-level commanders of the



ANDREA BRUCE WOODALL/Washington Post

**After more than 15 hours of fighting, Staff Sgt. Todd Ferguson drinks water as a fellow soldier is treated for heat exhaustion in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, on Thursday.**

local insurgency, U.S. commanders here said.

In what they believed was a major blow to the insurgents here, Bullimore's troops killed a man suspected of being the local leader of the insurgency, Hussein Ali Septi, in a gunbattle last week in the rebellious village of Buhzir, south of the city. Thirteen insurgents and one U.S. soldier were killed in the fighting. But the attacks on troops have continued.

For the past several weeks, Bullimore has been sending sniper teams into the city to kill insurgents planting roadside bombs under cover of darkness. The bombs, made of artillery shells or tank rounds and detonated by remote control, have ravaged his soldiers as they pass along main supply routes.

Bullimore added, "It looked like he planned to fight there for a while. It was more than just a hit-and-run attack."

## Eleven indicted for \$2 million Army insulin theft scheme

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN  
The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Eleven people were indicted in a \$2 million scheme to steal insulin and insulin test strips from Army base pharmacies for sale on the black market, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The indictment charges that between 2002 and 2004, nine Army

pharmacy technicians conspired to steal the insulin and test strips from pharmacies at Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Lee, Va.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

The technicians were in charge of the post pharmacies. Also indicted were the wives of two of the technicians. An estimated

40,000 vials of insulin were stolen.

"They took advantage of their position of responsibility that the Army had entrusted them with to be responsible for these inventory items and used it for their own personal benefit," U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren said.

None of the defendants is in custody; most are expected to voluntarily surrender. Initial appear-

ances were set for July 12.

Melgren said a 10-month investigation began after a traffic stop in Topeka, where police discovered stolen pharmacy goods in the possession of a Fort Riley pharmacy technician.

Insulin typically sells for \$70 a vial through legitimate outlets. Black market insulin sells for possibly half of that price, Melgren said.

People with diabetes need insulin, usually taken as an injection, to regulate their blood sugar. Insulin was targeted for the thefts because the conspirators allegedly were able to tap into that black market, Melgren said.

The charges include conspiracy to transport stolen goods in interstate commerce and conspiracy to commit mail fraud. The investigation is continuing.

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# U.S. military strikes Fallujah third time

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military launched its third airstrike in a week Friday in Fallujah, using precision weapons to destroy a suspected safe house for Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's terror network.

The Jordanian-born terrorist claimed responsibility for coordinated attacks in other Iraqi cities that killed more than 100 people Thursday — less than a week before Iraq's new government takes power. Insurgents set off car bombs and seized police stations in an offensive aimed at creating chaos before the handover.

"Wherever and whenever we find elements of the Zarqawi network, we will attack them," a military statement said of the strike.

U.S. officials estimated 20-25 casualties in the attack, without giving a breakdown of dead and wounded and without indicating how they determined the figure. Al-Jazeera television, in a report from Fallujah, said four U.S. missiles struck a vacant house in the eastern part of the city, injuring four residents of a nearby house.

In Baghdad, the country's new leadership, due to assume sovereignty in five days, promised

stern action against the insurgents, claiming much of the unrest was directed by foreigners but offering no proof.

"Our culture, our customs have been destroyed," interim Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said. "The time has come for a show-down."

Earlier Friday, U.S. tanks and armored vehicles maneuvered on a highway near the edges of Fallujah, firing down both sides of the road — a tactic that has been seen in the past — while armed men in an eastern suburb fired at the Americans, according to Fallujah residents. Seven people died in two days of fighting there, hospital officials said.

A roadside bomb exploded in a residential neighborhood in Baghdad, killing one Iraqi policeman and wounding another, police said.

In Thursday's coordinated attacks, insurgents set off car bombs and seized police stations in an offensive aimed at creating chaos just days before the handover of power to a new Iraqi government.

U.S. and Iraqi forces regained control in heavy fighting, but the day's violence killed more than 100 people, most of them Iraqi civilians.

Three U.S. soldiers were among the dead. At least 320 people were wounded, including 12 Americans.

As the situation worsened, Iraq's interim vice president warned that a drastic deterioration in the country's security could result in the implementation of emergency measures or martial law — however undesirable that may be in a democratic society.

"Announcing emergency laws or martial law depends on the nature of the situation. In normal sit-

uations, there is clearly no need for that [step]," said Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite and member of the Islamic Dawa Party.

In an interview that appeared Friday in the German newspaper Die Welt, Secretary of State Colin Powell said such a declaration "would make our task in Iraq more complex, because applying martial law is more a police problem than a military one — at least one would hope so."

Mosul residents said the northern city was tense Friday, with a marked increase in the number

of police on the streets. Fewer people ventured out to markets for fear of more attacks.

Elsewhere, three mortar shells exploded early Friday near an oil pipeline damaged last week by sabotage, police Capt. Mushtaq Talib said. The latest explosion caused no damage, Talib said.

Iraq's new leaders recently have suggested the possibility of at least partial martial law in some hotspots around the country as a way of stemming the violence. It is unclear, however, whether U.S. officials would go along with the idea.

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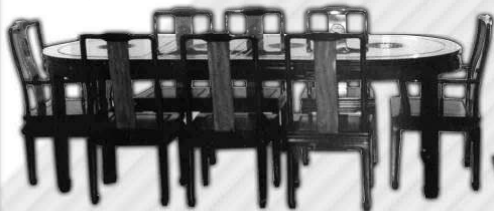
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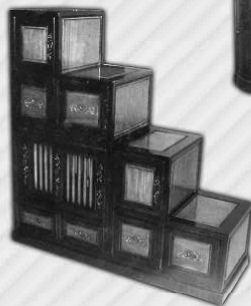
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# Senate passes \$416B defense spending bill

BY ALAN FRAM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A \$416 billion Pentagon spending bill for next year was passed unanimously by the Senate in a move aimed at providing funding relief to a military strapped by two wars and counterterrorism efforts.

The Senate voted 98-0 Thursday for the bill, which includes \$25 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and extra money for adding 20,000 Army troops and equipment such as Chinook helicopters.

Senate Appropriations Commit-

tee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, the bill's chief author, said the vote reflected bipartisan support for immediate war funds.

The money for Iraq and Afghanistan would be available as soon as the measure becomes law, which congressional leaders hope happens by late July.

"It is a symbol to the country that we're able to come together in times of crisis," Stevens said.

An amendment by Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., for \$10 million for research into leishmaniasis, a skin disease that has cost the mil-

lions of dollars and 60,000 lost duty days in Afghanistan and Iraq, passed.

It was the second victory this week in Daschle's efforts. On Tuesday, the Senate passed the FY 2005 Defense Authorization bill, which included \$5 million for the research.

Not counting the funds for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the bill is \$22.5 billion, or 6 percent, over this year's total.

The overall bill provides \$1.6 billion less than what President Bush requested.

Included is \$76.5 billion — \$1.8 billion more than he wanted —

for purchasing weapons and other equipment, plus money for a 3.5 percent military pay raise.

Bush proposed having the power to move the entire \$25 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan to whatever war-related accounts he chose.

The Senate bill allows him to move \$2.5 billion of the \$25 billion.

The rest would be assigned to specific accounts, though some — such as \$17.5 billion for operations and maintenance — are still broad enough to give the president much leeway.

The bill is also similar to a \$417

billion defense spending bill the House approved on Tuesday.

Congressional leaders hope to complete a compromise version of the measure and send it to Bush before lawmakers begin a six-week recess in late July.

As the Senate sped through amendments, it also used a voice vote to add \$95 million for victims of warfare and famine in Sudan and Chad, in an amendment sponsored by Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, and others.

But by 54-44, it rejected an effort by Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., to provide \$118 million more.

Stripes editor Patrick Dickson contributed to this report from Washington.

# Supporters of stop-loss bonus keep up fight

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Supporters of legislation to give all stop-lossed servicemembers an extra \$2,000 per month vowed to fight on Friday after a failed attempt to insert the measure into the Senate defense appropriations.

The amendment was introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., on Thursday, the day the Senate voted on the spending bill.

Lautenberg said the bonus would be retroactive to March 2003 and would cover all military services.

Stop-loss restrictions prevent servicemembers from retiring or leaving the service at their scheduled time.

Each service has applied stop-loss restrictions at one time or another since Sept. 11, 2001. But the only service with restrictions currently in place is the Army, which has a "unit stop

## Despite failure, legislators will keep pushing for an extra \$2,000 a month for extended service

loss" policy in place since January 2002 that affects both active and reserve components tapped for duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

About 45,000 soldiers have been prevented from leaving the Army because of stop loss, Maj. Gen. Franklin L. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the Army's chief for personnel matters, said earlier this month, and the Army intends to keep using stop loss for Iraq and Afghanistan-bound troops for "several years."

Right now, over 10,000 soldiers are affected by stop loss, one-third of whom are Army Reserve or National Guard, Lautenberg said.

The senator's count could not be verified. Pentagon and Army officials did not respond to queries by deadline.

If the stop-loss bonus amend-

ment had passed as part of the Senate appropriations bill, it would have automatically taken effect, according to Lautenberg legislative assistant Dafna Hochman.

But Senate leaders declined to allow the amendment to be introduced during the floor debate, it the appropriations bill, Hochman said Friday.

"It was a worthy try," she said.

There are several fall-back plans for the measure at this point, Hochman said.

Backers could introduce the provision as a stand-alone legislation, or to try to attach the provision as an amendment to another bill, Hochman said.

A final option would be to at-

tach the measure to a defense budget supplemental request, which the Bush administration has indicated it plans to submit in January in order to pay for Iraq and Afghanistan, Hochman said.

Regardless of the challenges, it is essential to keep the pressure on, said 1st Lt. Paul Rickhoff, an Army National Guardsman who recently returned from a year in Iraq.

"Two thousand dollars is a lot of money to a lower enlisted troop on the ground," Rickhoff said during a Thursday news conference with Lautenberg.

Ada Eagle, mother of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ron Eagle, who is now in Iraq, agreed.

*"Two thousand dollars is a lot of money to a lower enlisted troop on the ground."*

**1st Lt. Paul Rickhoff**  
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She said of her son, a West Virginia National Guardsman and former active Air Force member, put in his retirement papers after 20 years of service in October 2003, only to be activated and stop-lossed the following month.

"He's doing overtime right now," Ada Eagle told Stripes on Thursday. "So pay him overtime."

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## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

# Senate support makes SBP fix a near certainty

It might take four to 10 years, but the sharp drop in survivor benefits at age 62 for military widows and widowers appears certain to be phased out beginning next year.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., made that more likely when on Wednesday she refused, despite mounting pressure from Senate leaders, to withdraw her amendment to eliminate the age-62 drop in benefits under the military's Survivor Benefit Plan. Because Landrieu held out, she won a compromise.

For the first time ever, said Steve Strohbridge, director of government relations for the Military Officers Association of America, both the House and Senate defense bills support a "significant SBP provision" that, he said, "pretty much guarantees we're going to get some SBP fix" this year.

The revised amendment, approved unanimously, would phase out the age-62 reduction over 10 years, starting in October 2005, versus 3½ years, starting next April, under the House-passed plan that Landrieu's original amendment had embraced.

Landrieu's original amendment proposed only a modest penalty, no more than 4.5 percent of covered retired pay each month on top of regular premiums of 6.5 percent. That is too low to be fair to retirees who have paid premiums for years or even decades, said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.

He proposed instead that retirees coming late to SBP be asked to pay all premiums they would have paid if they had enrolled earlier, plus interest.

John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee and floor manager of the \$447 billion defense bill, had signaled his support for Ensign's substitute amendment. Landrieu, too, agreed. But the next afternoon before final passage, Warner asked Landrieu to pull her amendment, a source said. She refused. Negotiations continued with Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, playing a role. Warner and Landrieu finally agreed to the second change, a

10-year phase-in of higher benefits at 62. "Obviously we would much prefer the 3½-year phase-in found in the House bill," said Strohbridge. "But we have an opportunity to work that in the House-Senate conference. We will be pulling out all stops to get conferees to approve a fix more like the House than the Senate."

### Help for the disabled

The Senate also approved an amendment from Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., to speed restoration of full retired pay to 20,000 military retirees rated 100 percent disabled.

Retirees with service-related disabilities see reduced pay, dollar for dollar, by their disability compensation. Congress last year voted for a 10-year phase-out of this offset by paying retirees a new Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payment.

CRDP is to replace lost retired pay to those with combined disability ratings of 50 percent or higher. It began in January. The highest amount, \$750 a month, goes to 100 percent disabled retirees.

The Reid amendment would repeal the

10-year phase-out of the offset for 100 percent disabled retirees and allow full restoration of retired pay next January.

### Reserve retirement

An amendment by Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., to lower reserve retirement age from 60 to 55 didn't fare as well. Warner challenged it on a budgetary point of order, citing almost \$2 billion a year in added costs.

Warner warned Congress that if it continued to "narrow differences" between reserve and active-duty pay and benefits, the services not only will see personnel costs soar but could see an exodus of manpower from the active components into the reserve component.

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# N. Korea reportedly backs demands with threat at nuke talks

## Pyeongyang says it may conduct tests

BY STEPHANIE HOO  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — North Korea has threatened to test a nuclear weapon unless Washington accepts Pyongyang's conditions for a freeze on its atomic program, jeopardizing disarmament talks, a senior U.S. official said.

North Korea urged the United States to make a "responsible, bold decision" during six-nation talks on the dispute Friday, following reports that Pyongyang demanded massive energy aid in exchange for the freeze.

Two previous rounds of talks have made little headway, and the North Korean threat of a nuclear test suggested the latest round may be unsuccessful, said a senior U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity. The other participants are South Korea, China, Japan and Russia.

China believes the talks have shown the will of all six countries to solve the issue through dialogue, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said.

"It has become the consensus of the various parties that as the first step of denuclearization there should be an early kickoff of a nuclear freeze with corresponding measures" from other participants in the talks, Zhang said.

"Of course, there are differences on how to implement a nuclear freeze," she added. "It's a positive sign that the various sides want to study the various proposals."

The United States insists on complete disarmament by the communist state. It submitted a proposal to this week's conference outlining a step-by-step plan and the benefits North Korea could receive if it complies.

On Friday, the North renewed a demand for the United States to drop its "hostile policy," though it made no public response to the American proposal.

"It is high time the U.S. made a responsible, bold decision," said the North Korean official newspaper Minju Joson, quoted by the North's main news agency.

North Korea's own proposal reportedly calls for energy aid in exchange for freezing its main nuclear facility at Yongbyon. It was unclear whether that included a commitment to dismantle the program.

"The most concrete ... and specific proposal on the table is that made by the United States yesterday with the support of other governments who were there," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. "We look to the North Koreans to study that proposal seriously."

There was no indication of when North Korea might carry out its threat to test, which the senior U.S. official said was made in a 2½-hour private meeting Thursday between Assistant Secretary of State James A. Kelly and North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan.

The United States thinks North Korea has at least one or two nuclear weapons, with the potential for several more.

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# U.S. official disputes report, cites headway

BY STEPHANIE HOO  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — U.S. officials on Friday downplayed comments by North Korea about a possible atomic bomb test, saying six-nation talks on the North's nuclear program were "moving along" although the latest round produced no breakthroughs.

North Korean envoys affirmed that their government regards its offer this month to freeze its nuclear program as a step toward dismantling it, the outcome demanded by Washington, a senior U.S. official said.

An official confirmed that a North Korean envoy mentioned Thursday that some in the North wanted to test a bomb. "But it was not phrased as a threat," said the U.S. official, who briefed reporters on condition he not be identified further.

China canceled a planned closing ceremony Saturday, suggesting the talks might end on a sour note. Negotiators also decided against issuing a joint statement following the talks that began Wednesday, choosing instead to release a less formal declaration.

But diplomats portrayed the talks as the most useful and substantive to date. They said delegations held detailed discussions of competing U.S. and North Korean proposals on the dispute.

The U.S. official denied an account by an American official in Washington who told reporters the North's envoy had threatened a nuclear test if the United States didn't accept its conditions for a freeze.



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# Two Marines killed, another wounded in Afghanistan fighting

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two U.S. Marines were killed and another wounded during an operation in violence-plagued eastern Afghanistan, the military said Friday.

The clash occurred in Kunar, a province on the border with Pakistan, late Thursday, military spokesman 1st Sgt. Dave Dyer said. The wounded Marine was in stable condition. None of the soldiers was identified.

"Two Marines were killed and one was wounded during an operation northeast of Asadabad," the provincial capital, Dyer said in a brief statement.

The deaths were a reminder of the dangers still facing some 20,000 mainly U.S. troops fighting America's other war, which has been overshadowed by the violence in Iraq.

At least 92 American soldiers now have been killed in and around Afghanistan since the United States invaded Afghanistan in late 2001, an effort to oust the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terror network.

Kunar is at one end of a broad swath of southern and eastern Af-

ghanistan plagued by a stubborn Taliban-led insurgency.

The chief of Kunar police, Mattullah Safi, said American warplanes had flown Thursday over Asadabad, where the U.S. military has a base.

He said helicopters bombed a mountain about four miles away, but he had not heard of any casualties from fighting or of any rebel attack against the base.

The American military has vowed to crush militants this year with a combination of stepped-up military operations and reconstruction aid to Afghan villagers who commanders hope will provide crucial intelligence on enemy movements.

But they have been unable to halt violence that has killed more than 500 people across the country so far this year, threatening plans to hold national elections in September.

U.S. troops based in Asadabad, 120 miles east of the capital, Kabul, regularly come under fire from militants.

The attacks with rockets and small arms rarely cause casualties.

In May, an explosion hit a car carrying Afghan election workers in the province, injuring all four people inside, two of them seriously.

# EU, NATO summits give Bush chance to woo allies

By DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Criticized for his go-it-alone approach in Iraq, President Bush is trying to build a new consensus among allies wary of a U.S. leader whose policies are widely unpopular in Europe.

The next five days are all about summery — the U.S.-European Union summit this weekend in Ireland and the NATO summit in Turkey next week. Allied leaders are expressing a new willingness to help in Iraq, although not at the levels once anticipated.

Still, they risk their own political capital back home if they appear too cozy with Bush.

"America has never been at a lower point in the minds of citizens around the world," says Thomas Mann, a political analyst at Brookings Institution, a liberal-leaning think tank.

Bush left Friday for Ireland, where about 4,000 police and 2,000 soldiers — more than a third of security forces in the Irish Republic — have deployed around Dromoland Castle, a luxury hotel in the west of Ireland that is hosting Saturday's summit.

Topics at both summits will

range from Afghanistan to counterterrorism, from trade to curbing the spread of nuclear weapons. But Iraq will be at the forefront.

Bush, who is seeking allies' help in Iraq, will be holding out one hand and carrying what he believes is a persuasive argument in his pocket — one that asks NATO members to look in their own history books.

On Saturday in Ireland, Bush was to meet with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, currently the head of the European Union, and President Mary McAleese before the start of the U.S.-EU summit. He was to meet later Saturday with business leaders.

In an interview with Turkey's private NTV television before he left Washington, Bush acknowledged it was unlikely that NATO countries would contribute additional troops to Iraq, but he said he was hopeful some would help train Iraqi forces.

Bush also pledged to help Turkey and Iraq crack down on Turkish Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy from Turkey. He was speaking on the eve of a weekend visit to Turkey ahead of Monday's NATO summit meeting in Istanbul. Both France and Germany have resisted a NATO mission in Iraq.



# Seoul got word of missing man weeks before beheading

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — The Foreign Ministry acknowledged Friday that it was asked in early June whether a South Korean was missing in Iraq — weeks before the man was beheaded by Islamic militants.

Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-kil said the official who received the inquiry about the South Korean did not report it to superiors.

The disappearance of interpreter Kim Sun-il became widely known when a videotape, which showed the captive begging for his life, appeared Sunday.

The Foreign Ministry initially questioned the veracity of an Associated Press statement that the news agency inquired about Kim in early June.

The ministry comments came one day after President Roh Moo-hyun ordered an investigation into the government's handling of the kidnapping case amid questions about whether officials could have done more to try to secure his release.

## Ministry acknowledges it failed to follow up inquiry from news bureau about videotape

In early June, the Baghdad office of Associated Press Television News received a videotape that showed Kim. On the tape, Kim discusses the U.S. role in Iraq and gives personal information but does not say he is a hostage. A reporter in the AP's Seoul bureau asked an official in the South Korean Foreign Ministry on June 3 whether it had information that Kim was missing in Iraq.

The official had said that the ministry was not aware that any South Korean of that name — or any other South Korean citizen — was missing or in captivity.

APTIN did not broadcast the videotape at the time because it was unclear if Kim was being held against his will. AP broadcast the tape after Kim was killed Tuesday.

Shin said late Friday that an official in the ministry's press office had acknowl-

edged receiving "a brief phone call inquiring whether a South Korean was missing" in Iraq.

"The official said that the caller seemed to be a South Korean reporter working for foreign media," Shin said. Asked if the official reported the phone call to superiors, he said, "No."

Shin said the official, whom he did not name, had "little memory" about the name of the South Korean who was reported missing or other details of the conversation.

Shin said the ministry had planned to make an announcement about the case after a government investigation but decided to do so now after local media began reporting its findings.

He also said a second ministry official reportedly receiving a telephone call

in relation to Kim's kidnapping. But Shin described the credibility of that report as "low."

The South Korean government has said it did not know about Kim's kidnapping until the tape that showed Kim begging for his life appeared on the pan-Arab Al-Jazeera network on Sunday.

Shin said the Foreign Ministry had handed data over to the Board of Audit and Inspection, which is conducting the investigation ordered by Roh. The board plans to investigate the controversy surrounding AP's inquiry to the ministry in early June, the government's efforts to establish facts surrounding Kim's kidnapping, and efforts by Kim's company — a supplier to the U.S. military — to negotiate his release.

Kim, 33, was killed by militants after South Korea refused the kidnappers' demand to stop a troop dispatch to Iraq. His body was found near Baghdad on Tuesday.

The tape that was delivered by an unidentified courier to APTN's office in Baghdad in early June was not accompanied by a statement or an explanation.

## Philippine rebels say Norway talks fell short

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Communist rebels expressed disappointment Friday with this week's peace talks with Philippine government envoys in Oslo, but say they remain committed to solving the 35-year conflict.

The third round of talks in Norway this year tackled such issues as the rebels' outrage at being listed as a terrorist group, human rights issues, the release of political prisoners and social and economic reforms.

The rebels also presented a new list of 270 prisoners they claim are being held for political reasons and should be released.

The government panel promised to review the list.

The rebels have been fighting for a Marxist state since 1969 and have refused to put in place a long-term cease-fire until key issues have been resolved.

At a news conference Friday, Luis Jalandoni, chief negotiator for the Communist rebels, said the parties failed to agree on a joint statement. After previous rounds, such statements put agreements into writing as a reference for future negotiations.

"The fact that no joint statement or communicate has been signed ... means we feel it has fallen very short of expectations," Jalandoni said. "But we remain committed."



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# Ryan withdraws from U.S. senate race

By DAVID ESPO AND  
RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Illinois senatorial candidate Jack Ryan abruptly abandoned his bid for Congress on Friday, succumbing to a furor over sex club allegations that horrified fellow Republicans and made him a target of late-night comedy.

"It's clear to me that a vigorous debate on the issues most likely could not take place if I remain in the race," said the 44-year-old Ryan, who won his party's nomination in a multi-candidate primary earlier this year.

"What would take place, rather, is a brutal, scorched-earth campaign — the kind of campaign that has turned off so many voters, the kind of politics I refuse to play."

Illinois GOP leaders expressed relief. "Jack Ryan made the right decision. I know it may have been a difficult one," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, who made his feelings known by canceling a fund-raising event sched-

uled for Thursday with the senatorial hopeful.

Top Illinois Republicans held a teleconference to begin the work of selecting a successor to Ryan on the ballot this fall. Their choice will become an instant underdog in a campaign against Democratic State Sen. Barack Obama.

Even so, party leaders wanted to avoid the possibility that candidates for other offices in Illinois would suffer by sharing a ticket with a senatorial candidate battling salacious allegations by his former wife.

After reviewing the poll results, Ryan's advisers told the candidate Friday morning that he could survive the scandal but only after an extremely negative and expensive response.



Ryan

"I won't do that," Ryan replied, according to a participant in the meeting. "That's not me."

The internal polling had Ryan trailing Obama 20 to 25 percent, the official said. That figure didn't worry aides as much as results showing that conservatives were abandoning Ryan. They concluded that the only way to get Ryan's base back would be to go negative immediately on Obama and not let up.

Before the voters got a chance to decide on Ryan's political fate, fellow Illinois Republican candidates rendered their own judgments. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald urged him to remain in the race, but he was virtually alone.

The state's GOP House members met privately on Thursday and officials said afterward the sentiment was unanimous that Ryan should step down. "There must be something to this," said Rep. Henry Hyde, referring to the disputed allegations.

Several names of potential successor candidates quickly surfaced, including state Sen. Steve

Rauschenberger and dairy owner Jim Oberweis, both of whom lost to Ryan in the primary, and former state Board of Education chairman Ron Gidwitz.

Additionally, other GOP officials floated the name of Patrick Fitzgerald, a U.S. attorney in Illinois. Fitzgerald has achieved national prominence recently with his appointment to head a probe into the leak of a CIA operative's name to a journalist. He interviewed President Bush earlier this week for more than an hour as part of the effort.

Polls have shown Ryan trailing Obama from the start of their race. The Senate election is to replace Peter Fitzgerald, who decided not to seek a second term.

Ryan has been struggling for political survival since Monday, when divorce records were released showing that his ex-wife, actress Jeri Ryan, said he took her to sex clubs and tried to pressure her to perform sex acts while others watched. Ryan has denied the allegations.

Associated Press Writer Dennis Conrad in Washington and Maura Kelly Lannan in Chicago contributed to this report.

## Terminating pets faster

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to repeal a state law that requires animal shelters to hold stray dogs and cats for up to six days before killing them.

Instead, there would be a three-day requirement for strays. Other animals, including birds, hamsters, potbellied pigs, rabbits, snakes and turtles, could be killed immediately.

Schwarzenegger has told the state Legislature that the changes could save local governments that operate shelters up to \$14 million.

An estimated 600,000 dogs and cats are put to death each year in California, including 34,000 in Los Angeles alone.

The waiting period has caused overcrowding and forced some shelters to kill off animals simply to make room for new ones, said H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for the state Department of Finance.

"Because of space limitations, the shelters are being forced to euthanize animals who are otherwise highly adoptable immediately after the holding time," Palmer said.

From The Associated Press

# Solicitor General Olson resigns, will return to private practice

By CURT ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who represented the Bush administration before the Supreme Court and became a voice for strong antiterrorism policies after his wife died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said Thursday he is resigning to return to law practice.

Olson, 63, said he will leave his post in July, shortly after the Supreme Court completes its current term. He has served as solicitor general since June 11, 2001, and, prior to joining the Justice

Department, represented President Bush in the legal battle over the disputed 2000 presidential election.

Exactly three months after he took office, Olson's wife, Barbara, also a prominent Washington lawyer and conservative commentator, died aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

After the attacks, Olson became a personal symbol of the cost of terrorism and later took an unusually public role for an administration Supreme Court lawyer, particularly in support of its



Olson

terrorism is the best way to honor the attack victims.

"Their suffering and deaths must fuel our dedication to

stamp out this cancer," Olson said.

In his resignation statement Thursday, Olson said that the struggle against terrorism "will be long and arduous" but said that President Bush has the nation on the right path to prevail.

No successor was immediately named, but Olson's top deputy is Paul Clement, who would likely take over on an acting basis.

The timing of Olson's departure would give a replacement time to prepare for the Supreme Court's fall term in October.

As solicitor general, Olson par-

ticipated in 26 oral arguments before the Supreme Court, prevailing on 20 of the 23 that have been decided as of Thursday, according to the Justice Department. These include cases about the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, the secrecy of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force documents and a key school voucher case.

In a statement, Attorney General John Ashcroft called Olson "a dedicated patriot" whose "judgment and legal skill have greatly benefited the American people in so many ways, but particularly in our fight against terror."

## Experts put word out on Web attack

By TED BRIDIS  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Government and industry experts warned late Thursday of a mysterious, large-scale Internet attack against thousands of popular Web sites.

The virus-like infection tries to implant hacker software onto the computers of all Web site visitors.

Industry experts and the Homeland Security Department were studying the infection to determine how it spreads across Web sites and find adequate defenses against it.

"Users should be aware that any Web site, even those that may be trusted by the user, may be affected by this activity and thus contain potentially malicious code," the government warned in one Internet alert.

The mysterious infection appeared to target at least one recent version of software by Mi-

crosoft Corp. to operate Web sites, called its Internet Information Server, popular among businesses and organizations.

A spokesman for Microsoft declined to comment immediately. Experts said the attack's effects were unusually broad but weren't substantially interfering with Internet traffic.

"While this is significant, it has no impact on the operation of the Internet," said Marcus Sachs, who helps run the industry's Internet Storm Center in Bethesda, Md.

Experts urgently recommended consumers and corporate employees to update the antivirus software on their computers, since the latest versions can immunize visitors to infected Web sites.

The infected Web sites attempt to implant on visitors' computers hacker software that allows others to use their computers to surreptitiously route Internet spam e-mails.

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# Supreme Court overturns extended sentence

BY REBECCA COOK

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A wealthy Washington rancher who kidnapped his estranged wife at knife-point had his sentence overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, which put state sentencing guidelines in question by ruling that judges alone cannot impose extra-long prison terms.

Ralph Howard Blakely II was sentenced to more than seven years in prison for the 1998 kidnapping.

He forced the woman into a coffin-like box and drove her to Mon-

tana in the back of his pickup truck.

A judge had said Blakely acted with "deliberate cruelty" and deserved a longer prison term than the four years set out in state sentencing guidelines.

But the high court ruled 5-4 on Thursday that justices must decide whether to impose sentences beyond the guidelines.

The right to a jury trial "is no mere procedural formality, but a fundamental reservation of power in our constitutional structure," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for an odd lineup of con-

curring justices from both the left and the right.

Blakely "was sentenced to prison for more than three years beyond what the law allowed for the crime to which he confessed," on the basis of a trial judge's unilateral decision, Scalia wrote.

The Constitution's framers "would not have thought it too much to demand that, before depriving a man of his liberty, the state should suffer the modest inconvenience of submitting its accusation" to a jury, Scalia wrote.

Scalia said the case was not about the constitutionality of state

sentencing systems that give judges a limited range of sentences for a given crime, but dissenters in Thursday's case predicted it will weaken across the states and the federal courts.

Guidelines used by many states and the federal court system were meant to produce more uniform sentences. Some judges chafe under guidelines they say can be too rigid and inflexible.

The decision dismayed Grant County Prosecutor John Knodell, who prosecuted Blakely in 2000 and argued the case before the Supreme Court.

"They have taken what is essen-

tially a baseline and they've made that a borderline instead," Knodell said.

Blakely and others in his situation will either have their sentences reduced to fit the guidelines, Knodell said, or a jury will re-sentence them.

Under the guidelines, Blakely's prison term would end around July 1. Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg agreed with Scalia. That majority includes members — Stevens and Ginsburg — and its two most conservative — Scalia and Thomas.

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# Troops trade war faces for poker faces

## Card games give servicemembers chance to relax, talk trash downrange

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

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Every couple of weeks, troops with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division's surgeon section in Baghdad experience this kind of mini-drama, mimicking scenes of televised Texas No-Limit Hold 'Em tournament coverage on DVD.

Capt. David "KGZ" Zimmerman, medical operations officer for the 1st Cavalry Division, knows all the angles. The key to no-limit is to play the man, not the cards.

When the KGZ gets in poker mode, he pulls out all the stops. He has a baseball cap pulled down low and some black wraparound shades he'll wear in the pitch of night to ensure no one plays him.

The Cav guys call Hold 'Em the Cadillac of poker.

"It's a game that takes 30 seconds to learn and lifetime to master," said Lt. Col. Roberto "Smooth Operator" Nang, the division surgeon, whose tactic is to up the ante just to test the water.

They started playing downrange after the KGZ wrote to the World Poker Tour and some Las Vegas casinos. Simple letters got the captain 400 decks of cards donated to the troops from the MGM Grand and Aladdin casinos, five free sets of the first season of the World Poker Tour, and a box of casino chips from [www.aldvegas-chips.com](http://www.aldvegas-chips.com).

Across a cheap, white plastic table, the KGZ begins to deal. Just behind the troops, scenes of Vegas and the Bellagio dance across a television screen.

If it wasn't for the missing green felt tables and tinkling of ice cubes, the KGZ's air-conditioned trailer could be mistaken for a casino in the middle of a different desert.

Almost forgetting the earlier banter of trash talkin', the game starts quietly as everyone peeks at

**More stories on the poker phenomenon on Pages 17 and 18**

their cards. These high rollers try to make the game as real as possible when they get the chance to play. The stakes are high.

Though gambling is not authorized, per Army regulation, what these rounders win is so much better: bragging rights, the honor of being called "Johnny Chan," a two-time World Series of Poker champion, including a framed mug of the legend to keep until the next game, and exclusion from having to buy the next round of refreshments and snacks.

Usually the medical crew plays twice a month, depending on workload, according to Maj. Jim "Diamond Jim" Kelley, chief of medical plans and operations.

Diamond Jim said when the time is finally right to get the game going, the trash talkin' begins around noon.

"The Colonel (Smooth Operator) is a good poker player in his own right," Diamond Jim offered, "but he's also got one of the fastest records for being asked to leave the table. He's lost all his chips in just two hands."

Quickly the banter progresses throughout the day until everyone gets off work.

The winner of the last game hosts the evening's event in their trailer. This time's winner is a laid-back guy named Sgt. 1st Class Steven "Sgt. Harley" Plante, the medical intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge.

He's not a trash talker, but more of a one-liner, throwing in jokes when necessary, just to keep his competitors in check.

"These three guys," Harley said, pointing to KGZ, Smooth Operator and Diamond Jim, "are the biggest trash talkers. Sometimes you have to stand on a chair it gets so deep in here."

Sgt. Harley said the night he won several weeks ago was a typical poker night in the hooch, just strutting along, but then his luck changed and he took it all.

All but one player, Sgt. 1st Class Buddy "Die Hard" Beavers, has had the opportunity to be Johnny



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Above: Maj. Jim "Diamond Jim" Kelley, chief of medical plans and operations for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division, puts on a poker face before he calls the pot on the Smooth Operator, aka Lt. Col. Roberto Nang, the division surgeon. Diamond Jim lost to the surgeon but said he's prepared to take the poker posse on during their next game in a couple of weeks. Below: Capt. David "KGZ" Zimmerman, medical operations officer, donning half of his typical poker guise, prepares to lay down the chips during a game of No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em. Zimmerman said his one goal in life is to enter a World Poker Tour event.

Chan. Die Hard, medical operation noncommissioned officer in charge, blames it on not being able to attend as many games as he would like.

The truth is, no one in the medical unit plays as much as they would like.

"There are no weekends, no hours, per se," Diamond Jim said. He explained that in their section they work around the clock and are always on call.

With the harrowing work schedule, the Smooth Operator said from a medical standpoint it actually makes sense to play cards.

"Number one, it's important not to be isolated, lonely, or depressed out here. By coming together we share in camaraderie," said Smooth Operator. "Number two, in terms of an outlet for stress and other relief, playing games or cards, from a morale and welfare point of view, is very therapeutic."

These troops work hard by helping Iraqi hospitals and clinics get back on their feet, all the while still taking care of troops.

They also play hard. Diamond Jim said they're just some guys who like to keep score, no matter what they're doing.

He said all the competition actually helps the poker posse function together as a team and keep the deployment from becoming a daily grind.

With the KGZ hunkered down in his guise, Diamond Jim with an almost constant smirk on his face, the Smooth Operator instigating trouble, Sgt. Harley sinking it all in, and Die Hard shooting for the prize, the sounds of clinking poker chips resonates into the Iraqi desert, but in this room, the dreams don't end and the snark turns to gold.

It's just a game that keeps one of face from getting burned out when deployed.

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"Rounders" from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division's surgeon section in Baghdad said playing poker helps them work together better as team, as well as helping release stress from demanding work hours while deployed.



# Cad games a great way to kick time aboard ship

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Odds are that if you're on a ship, you can find a card game.

Playing cards, according to Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony Jackson of the Fleet Air Mediterranean staff, is as popular in the Navy as it is back in the United States.

"On a ship, especially out at sea, there's a limit at what you can do [with free time]," he said. "Gambling on a ship is not allowed, but it does happen."

Cards are played "anywhere you can set up a table," Jackson said. "[Sailors] know who to talk to on the boat."

"When they don't like what's on [the shipboard TV station], they go and play cards or dominoes," said Petty Officer 1st Class Richard Lynden, NSA Naples' first lieutenant. "In the evening you'd just get off of work and play cards to pass the time."

Most of the games on the ships are either poker or spades, said Lynden, who has spent 10 of his 18 Navy years on ships.

"Cards were fairly important to morale," he said.

Jackson said there are a few reasons why card games are an important aboard ship. Space, he said, is limited, and a deck of cards fits anywhere. Then, there are free cards.

"The casinos used to send us cards on a regular basis," he said.

## Military may have had role in rise of poker in the States

BY PATRICK DICKSON  
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The history of poker is widely disputed, but one prevailing theory holds that the U.S. military played an important role in the growth of its popularity in America.

Decks of cards with "face cards" are believed to have been developed in France and brought to America when the French settled in what would become New Orleans. There, it's believed, the four suits in existence today were introduced.

A game of bluffing and betting called "poker" (pronounced "poke") became popular. "In the Southern vernacular," said World Poker Tour chairman Stephen Lipscomb, "the game became known as 'poke-ah.'"

Modern poker was carried up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers by steamboat, and into the interior by wagon and train, then head-west west with the California gold rush.

But it was Civil War soldiers who caused a dramatic explosion in the popularity of poker, when tens of thousands of soldiers played the game in barracks across the North and South.

The Civil War also brought about games such as stud poker, the "draw" variant, and hands such as the straight.

When the war was over, the game went home with them, most notably traveling northward with Union soldiers returning from the Battle of Vicksburg, Lipscomb said.

"It was a steady income," he said. "You could make two or three grand in two or three hours."

Sailors also spend a lot of time playing spades. "I had a spades buddy back in the North Island (Calif)," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda VanTassel, a corpsman at the base's branch medical clinic. "I miss him."

VanTassel has lived in the Naples barracks for about a year and says that finding a card game in the barracks isn't necessarily that easy.

Many sailors would rather go out for a night on the town, or travel, rather than stay holed up in a barracks room or apartment for a card game.

"People spend more time going out," VanTassel said. "Especially in the summer, people want to get away from the base. They might play, but it'll be out of boredom more than anything."

But if sailors want to play cards on base they should be familiar with military and command regulations as well as local law, said Cmdr. Ken O'Rourke, the Naples Train Service Office executive officer.

"The problem with poker is that it is generally accepted by gambling," he said, "and Federal regulations, as well as the Uniform Code of Military Justice, have a number of provisions addressing gambling."

There are limited exceptions, he said, such as for slots — and video poker — in overseas Morale, Welfare and Recreation-run clubs, and one that "authorizes friendly wagers between friends if done in assigned family quarters and permitted under local law."

Playing with co-workers is OK, but don't invite the boss or junior personnel to play.

"People always need to be cognizant of fraternization issues and certain absolute prohibitions against gambling with subordinates," O'Rourke added.

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## What are the odds?

In poker, the winning hand is determined by how tough it is to get that hand. OK? You've got 10 jack, king of clubs, but also the king of hearts. Go with the pair? Go for a royal flush? Should you do the math, or go with a hunch? That's the choice you make, the chance you take.

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| <b>Royal Flush</b>     | The highest possible straight flush, essentially, Odds of getting the hand: 1 in 650,000   | A K Q J 10<br>♠ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣  |
| <b>Straight Flush</b>  | Five in a row, same suit, Odds: 1 in 65,000  | 9 8 7 6 5<br>♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦   |
| <b>Four of a Kind</b>  | Looks really cool, doesn't it? A monopoly! Odds: 1 in 4,000                                | K K K K 7<br>♣ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠   |
| <b>Full House</b>      | Three cards of one rank, and two of another. Odds: 1 in 700                                | J J J 8 8<br>♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦   |
| <b>Flush</b>           | All the same suit, no order. And, pretty hard. Odds: 1 in 500                              | 2 7 9 J K<br>♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥   |
| <b>Straight</b>        | All in a row, suit doesn't matter. Odds: 1 in 250  | Q J 10 9 8<br>♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥  |
| <b>Three of a Kind</b> | Odds: 1 in 50  | K K K 8 9<br>♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣   |
| <b>Two Pair</b>        | Odds: 1 in 20  | 10 10 9 9 5<br>♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♦ |
| <b>One Pair</b>        | Odds: 1 in 2.33  | 10 10 K 8 3<br>♠ ♣ ♥ ♣ ♣ |
| <b>High Card</b>       | Odds impossible to determine; depends on highest card. Lowest possible hand: 7, 5, 4, 3, 2 | A 5 6 2 3<br>♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♣   |

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Entries must include the entrant's full name, e-mail address and street address. Anecdotes should be no more than 100 words, true, original and related to the armed services.

The magazine's editors will select finalists from each service to appear in the September edition. Readers will be asked to log on to [www.rd.com](http://www.rd.com) to choose their favorite, and their votes will determine the winner.

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## Popular poker variations

Most informal poker gatherings are held using "dealer's choice," the deal rotates among players, with the dealer picking the game. All games have variants, and it's the dealer's choice as to which apply.

other queen is turned up, the card that follows it becomes the new wild card, potentially changing hands drastically. Too many variants to list.

### Mexican Sweat

Seven cards are dealt face-down, again, it's "no peek." After each player has seven, three cards are dealt "up" in the middle of the table: a card to be beaten by the first player (e.g., if the card turned up is an ace, the first player must turn up a pair to begin betting); a wild card (the three others of its rank are wild) and a "kill card" — anything getting that card are eliminated.

### 5-Card Stud

Similar to 7-Card Stud. The obvious difference is that each player receives five cards. The first is dealt face down with the four following cards dealt face up. One variant is having the last card dealt face-down.

### Texas Hold 'Em

Favored by the big guns and the one used in the popular TV shows. Each player gets two cards turned up, decides whether they stay in, and bets. The "flop" turns up three community cards. Players bet, as they do when they see the fourth and fifth cards turned up. Each player must make their hand with the two hole cards and three of the community cards.

— Patrick Dickson

### Baseball

Each player is dealt seven cards: two down, four up, and a final card down. Three and nines are wild, and, often, a four will earn the player an extra card, perhaps for a small price.

### Midnight Baseball

Seven cards are dealt face-down and no one can look at their cards. Players turn up their cards in turn, betting the previous high hand and betting as they go. Wild cards are the same as regular Baseball.

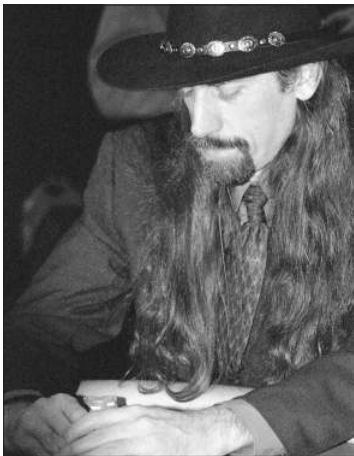
### Follow the Queen

Two cards down, four up, last two down. This time, the queen is wild (be it up or down, or "hole card") and whatever follows an "up" queen is also wild. What makes it interesting is that if an



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Innovations in televising big-money poker games have brought an upsurge in viewer interest and made celebrities out of some of the top players in the United States. Above: Jennifer Harman is the only woman who can claim two World Championship titles. Right: The 2000 World Champion Chris "Jesus" Ferguson is instantly recognizable with his trademark long brown hair and cowboy hat.



# New craze produces stone-faced celebrities

## The well-known and little-known belly up to televised card tables

BY PATRICK DICKSON  
Stars and Stripes

While television is cluttered with unreal reality shows, this competition is genuine, cerebral and full of high drama.

It's tournament poker, and the tense exchanges of hundreds of thousands of dollars are the hottest ticket in American television.

Behind baseball caps and sunglasses, these modern-day gunslingers read weaknesses, watch for any frailties and pull the trigger when they feel it's right.

Poker tournaments date back to 1949, but they weren't televised until the early 1990s. Early versions of televised poker drew little attention.

Then the Discovery Channel asked filmmaker Stephen Lipscomb to do a one-hour documentary on the game.

Lipscomb was fascinated by the drama of high-stakes poker and soon started the "World Poker Tour" and created a sensation on, of all things, The Travel Channel.

He brought his presentation skills to the table, installing "lipstick" cameras at each player's seat so the viewing audience could see the "hole cards," or the cards dealt face-down that only that particular player can see.

That changed the whole experience, said professional player Annie Duke.

"Without seeing the hole card, it's just a bunch of stone-faced people sitting around a table. But with the lipstick camera, it becomes very exciting and fun to watch."

Poker also is exciting, Lipscomb found, because "it's the perfect blend of luck and skill."

"You and I could get on the court with the Lakers or Pistons, and we'd get killed," he laughed. "But [with poker], you and I can play against the pros!"

Lipscomb also was able to build story lines and avoided clichés with his brief bios of the players, in which no one tells, over a tinkling piano, how his steelworker father got up at 3:30 every morning to drive him to the municipal poker table for practice.

Now, ESPN hosts the "World Series of Poker" and Bravo holds the "Celebrity Poker Showdown" to rival the World Poker Tour's "Hollywood Home Game."

Lipscomb delights in the fact that ESPN recently showed poker for 24 hours straight, and he said that a recent "World Poker Tour" show drew 3 percent of all viewers in America — a high number given the number of channels on most cable systems.

Their game is No-Limit Texas Hold Em.

Each player gets two cards face down and can bet, if they're staying in. Three community cards are put on the table, face-up, in what's called the flop.

Players again bet based on the combined cards. Two more cards are turned up, and players make the best five out of their seven cards. And the money flies.

But why poker, and not bridge? Or blackjack?

Chris "Jesus" Ferguson, a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence and the 2000 World Champion, feels it's the game's unique combination of skill and luck that is its drawing card.

"It's a great game. There's a lot of thinking going on, but lots of luck, too. And the

human element — there's a lot of emotion shown by the players. It's really works, from the game-show aspect."

Duke, sister of the current world champion Howard Lederer, and poker pro for the past ten years, agrees.

"In craps, there's no skill — it's all luck. Baccarat — there's a huge element of chance," she said.

"And in chess, chess is deeply intellectual. If I played Kasparov 100 times, he'd win 100 times. But you combine the two elements in poker."

And it's an equal-opportunity game, Duke said.

"I don't like when people single me out because I'm a woman," she said.

Duke spoke of winning a recent tournament:

"The day I won, there were two tournaments — women only, and open. I played with the men. But [women-only tables] are a great entry for women."

Celebrities are addicted, too — to both watching and playing.

"It's interesting to watch the different styles [of the pros]," said Lou Diamond Phillips in a telephone interview.

Playing Texas Hold 'Em is "my new passion," Phillips said. But he knows his depth.

"You're always in danger against the pros," Phillips said. "They never make a stupid bet."

So Phillips plays other celebs on "Hollywood Home Game." His hike on its rivals?

"Ben Affleck plays a lot. Really good. Tobey Maguire is a good player.



Duke



Lou Diamond Phillips, star of "La Bamba" and the "Young Guns" films, has been an casual player for years, but he calls Texas Hold 'Em his "new passion." His advice to troops thinking of trying it out: "Yeah man, play! You have to take some bad beats before you get good. You've gotta get a feel for the table. Play!"

"Norm MacDonald plays a good game. Mimi Rogers. Camryn Manheim (of the legal drama "The Practice.")

"James Woods is a really good player, probably the best. A really tight player. He's a brain."

Does he have advice to the GI who wants to learn?

"Yeah man, play! You have to take some bad beats before you get good. You've gotta get a feel for the table. Play!"

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# Shabby Chic trend tough on old homes

BY COURTNEY LOWERY  
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — In a world where shabby is chic and vintage is charming, thieves are stripping historic old farmsteads and rural houses of furnishings and other items to supply a growing black market.

The ransacking of architectural details and other items has been going on for a long time, in big cities and the countryside alike.

But preservationists around the country say the Shabby Chic design movement and the advent of online marketplaces such as eBay appear to have made the problem worse in recent years.

"Before, people were stealing things like mantels but they didn't have anywhere to sell," said Elizabeth Brown, who runs the historic preservation division of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Historic sites in rural areas seem to be the hardest hit, simply because it is easier to get away with the crime in out-of-the-way places where there is no one around.

Old farmsteads, houses, churches and schools have been ransacked of doorknobs, moldings, mantelpieces, chests of drawers — even the markers that designate the sites as historic. Barns have been stripped of their planks to supply the burgeoning market in "reclaimed" lumber, often used to make fine wood floors.

Greg Miller, a historian at the Nebraska State Historical Society, said his family left a car in the driveway, a few lights on in the farmhouse and the radio going at their weekend getaway to put off thieves. It didn't work.

At least four times in the past decade, thieves broke in and took bureaus, other furniture, even a set of figurines of three little pigs playing instruments.

"The television was in there, but they didn't care about that, they didn't care about the radio, they didn't care about the toaster," Miller said. "They had something specific in mind when they went in."

Across the country, most state preservation offices have stopped



Thieves stripped this door in the Hebron, Neb., farmhouse of its molding, probably to sell on eBay.

disclosing the locations of the buildings that they are restoring or that they list on the National Registry of Historic Sites for fear they may be providing road maps for thieves.

"It is always been a problem and we've gotten to the point that we're very cautious about telling people, even when we're marketing a house, where houses are that we know are empty," Brown said.

"That's like saying, 'Here, come strip me.'"



AP photos

Molding, windows and doors are missing from this abandoned farmhouse near Hebron, Neb. The quest for vintage fixtures sends some down the felonious route, stealing from old farmsteads, houses, churches and school buildings.

Not only are thefts from historic homes hard to prevent, they are hard to prosecute. Tracking the stolen items is difficult and is often given low priority by law enforcement.

"Police are a whole lot more in-

terested in murders and drug problems," Brown said.

The demand for such items is clear: A search of "vintage" in the home decor category of eBay results in a list of more than 4,000 items.



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## Sunday Horoscope

Cancer and Scorpio aspects are stirring the pot of our emotions. Passionate feelings intensify further under the Scorpio moon — are you are waiting for? Carpe diem! Swift action is deliciously romantic.

There are two days left of Venus' retrograde station. Look into a relationship's future, and make a go of it. Negatives will soon be forgotten.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(June 27). This year brings emotional sunshine as you polish up your personal life and turn your career into something that feels authentic to you. Take a break this summer. July getaways are lucky. New love in August wants to make you part of the family quickly. Moves out of town are best in September. Romance with Capricorn or Pisces is strong.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You feel fabulous! Socializing provides you the opportunity to learn from someone who's done what you'd like to add to your well of experience. A broad view of the world makes you attractive to a wider variety of people.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are wildly attractive and have more power in relationships than you know what to do with. Put ideas in writing. Ask trusted friends for the emotional support you need, instead of clinging to old baggage to a new relationship.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You are lucky in love when you have no preconceived notions. Try not to date people into types. Enjoy an old hobby with someone younger than you. Unexpected or late guests are featured.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Catch up with friends. Going too long without touching base will cause you to miss some of the fun! Relationship success is easy. All you have to do is be good to your word and call when you say you're going to call.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're a whiz when it comes to healing the world, but beware: A quick fix only solves a problem temporarily; strive for a more permanent solution. Finances may prove a practical

decision that is hard for you. Be brave.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may feel out of sync with your normal patterns today, but this can be extremely creative. A childish nature emerges to tempt you away from anything that looks too serious. Why not? You deserve to be entertained.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Intrigue and surprise are featured. An admirer finally makes his or her feelings known — you had an inkling, but it's exciting to hear it straight from the horse's mouth. Family relations improve with a little more distance.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You'll wake up early, excited to meet what the day has in store. (If not, it's time to reflect on how you can structure your life to include more adventure, wonder and enjoyment.) Dinner conversation will be enlightening.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A shortcut to happiness is featured, if you have the guts to take it. This includes coming clean about something you've hidden for a while now. Persist in special projects even when they become difficult. Tenacity wins out.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Surroundings you have such a difficult time allowing yourself to relax — and gasp — do nothing, time off could be stressful! Ease up on yourself. Let nothing make you feel guilty.

Surround yourself with fun-loving souls.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Health and glamour are on your mind. One consistent habit added to your repertoire will help you look and feel your best.

Write out your goals, and you'll be in an elite group of winners. Love comes from new friendships.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Delegate the tasks for which you don't have a passion or that don't challenge you. You'll learn something you never knew about a loved one. You have a responsibility to use that knowledge to support instead of tear down.

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## Making the 'binnacle list'

I was in the Navy for more than 20 years. It was common naval practice to use the expression "binnacle list" for the sick list, and I always wondered why.

As with many military terms that often based on tradition, the "binnacle list" derives its name from a once common nautical practice.

As you point out, "binnacle list" contains the names of personnel excused from duty because of illness or injury. The list is compiled daily to inform the officer in charge of the health status of the crew.

The "binnacle list" gets its name from the old practice of posting the sick list on the binnacle every morning. For the benefit of

those readers who are unfamiliar with nautical terms, a binnacle is a stand or support for the ship's compass. Long ago it was a wooden structure mounted in a location where the helmsman could see it easily. Placing the list on the binnacle was a convenient method of making the information readily available to the captain. Hence, the sick list became known as the "binnacle list." Although the list is no longer placed on the binnacle, it retains the traditional name developed from this practice.

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## After divorce, ex-husband latching onto her family

**Dear Abby:** I have been divorced for almost a year. It was an ugly divorce that became long, drawn-out and expensive. I have moved on with my life. My ex-husband, however, has not. He is in constant contact with my family.

My sister casually mentioned the other day that he had stopped by her office to talk to her. He also calls my mother regularly and stops by her house to see her. He takes them to dinner and tries to act like nothing changed.

What he is really doing is getting information about my life while getting sympathy from them.

The final straw was learning that he had been invited to my nephew's graduation. I have explained to my family that I want no more contact with him and do not want to see him again. He told vicious lies and spread horrible rumors during the divorce that cost me all of our mutual friends. They all believed his lies and did support me.

We had no children, so I see no reason to stay in contact. He won't let go of me and my family. What can I do?

**Dear Wants to Be Free in Illinois:** I would be interested to know

why your family has continued to make him welcome. Are they enjoying the attention? The drama? Whatever the tie that's binding them, it is out of your control. And when he is clinging to them out of neediness or the pleasure of sticking it to you is beside the point.

Even if the ghost of marriage past is lurking in the background, you ARE free. So live your own life, limit the amount of information you give to your family, and consider it "mind over matter." (You don't mind, and he doesn't matter.)

### Dear Abby:

I have a sticky situation at work. One of the men I work with, "Josh," likes to brag about all his sexual conquests. One of the women he brags about is "Pamela," another of my co-workers.

I don't think he's telling the truth because she is happily married. Should I tell her his spreading rumors about her, or should I mind my own business?

**—Wonder What He Sees About Me Dear Wonder:** By all means, tell Pamela what Josh is saying. She has a right to know and to defend herself. What Josh considers an affirmation of his charm

## Long seeing married man afraid he is cheating on her

want him to find out. Can you help me?

### —New York Lady

**Dear N.Y.: Let's see.** You're having an affair with a married man, and you think he is cheating on you. You want us to help you check him out on the sly. Honey, you have more problems with this relationship than we can count.

**Here's our advice:** If Abby is cheating on his wife, he probably is cheating on you as well. If you call the O.W., she will know it's you and absolutely will spill the beans to Boyd. And no matter what you find out, you will never be able to trust him. Get out NOW, and don't look back. This relationship is going nowhere.

### Dear Annie:

My stepdaughter has been living with her boyfriend for two years, and they recently announced their engagement. Her father and I are thrilled. However, we have a dispute over who is financially responsible for the wedding.

Since my husband and the mother of the bride are divorced, I think the cost of the wedding should be divided equally between the two of them. Also, the

may be construed as slander by her. And his harping on the topic of his sex life at the office could be considered sexual harassment. It won't stop until either you or Pamela complains to a supervisor.

**Dear Abby:** I am planning a 30th birthday party for my husband. I would like to invite friends and family to join for dinner at my husband's favorite restaurant.

Because I have a small budget to work from and he has a large family, I can afford to pay only for my husband and me.

Would it be OK to invite people to the restaurant and then to pay for their own meal, and if so, how do I appropriately say that on the invitation?

### —Needs to Know in Frederick, MD

**Dear Needs to Know:** To invite people to a party and expect them to pay for their own meals and then ask them to pay for your husband's party, instead invite your friends and his large family to your home after dinner to celebrate with dessert and coffee. That way you won't be criticized.

Since you can't afford to give your husband a party, instead invite your friends and his large family to your home after dinner to celebrate with dessert and coffee. That way you won't be criticized.

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bride is 25 years old, and the couple has been living together. It seems reasonable to expect the newly engaged couple to contribute to the wedding expenses.

My husband says that as the father of the bride, he is responsible for the entire wedding, but our budget won't allow us to afford the wedding she wants. The ex-wife has no intention of contributing a dime. The bride informed me that this is "what daddies and grandpapas are for."

### —Dreading the Nuptials

**Dear Dreading:** How sweet. Your husband is not as obligated as he thinks. Couples who have been living together should pay most of the costs of their own wedding. We say if Daddy wishes to contribute, the two of you should decide what you can afford and give his daughter a check in that amount. However, if your husband wants to pay for the wedding, no matter what, discuss what you can afford, but don't set yourself up as a barrier between your husband and his daughter.

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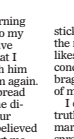
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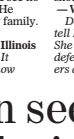
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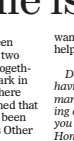
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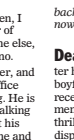
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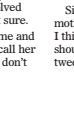
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## Fulfill your enlistment

This is in regards to the June 20 newsletter  
"Soldiers have rights, too."  
A soldier has responsibilities, as well as  
rights. When an individual enlists, he  
takes an oath. He is not forced to enlist;  
it is a volunteer military.

Soldiers know that the military is not a  
"summer camp," that what they are  
trained for is combat-related.

I am fairly sure the oath does not help to  
defend the United States, as long as you  
think it is OK, or as long as you would rat-  
her not be doing something else, or as long  
as you are happy being where you are, or  
until it is not what you want to do, or until  
you miss home.

My daughter enlisted in the Marines.  
She is an MP in Iraq, she works on convoys  
rout. She does not want to be there, but  
that is her responsibility.

She would rather be in the United  
States, but she is fulfilling her duty to pro-  
tect it however she is asked. My daughter  
is in harm's way daily, and for another per-  
son in the military to decide they do not  
want to do that anymore does not sit well  
with me.

What a shape the world would be in today  
if those young people on June 6,  
1944, decided they did not want to hit the  
beaches, or the young men in the Pacific  
decided those islands were not worth fight-  
ing for.

Yes, it is a volunteer military. You volun-  
teer to serve the United States of America  
for your enlistment term.

Sherry Lee Guess  
Hickory, Ky.

## Deserters should be punished

I am writing this letter in regards to the  
June 20 letter "Soldiers have rights, too,"  
in which the author stated his belief, that it  
is perfectly acceptable for soldiers to  
"stand up for what they believe in" and  
include refusing the call of duty to fight  
in a war based on principles that they do  
not support.

According to his letter, these acts of de-  
sertion are not cowardly, and also should  
not [result in] harsh consequences.

Indeed, this is an all-volunteer service.  
Each soldier volunteers to make a commit-  
ment to serve his or her country and sup-  
port the decisions of our government.

We have all raised our right hands and

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vowed to defend our country. Nobody is  
forced to take the oath and sign [on] the  
dotted line. However, in doing so we show  
that we believe in those words and that we  
are aware of the reality of war.

The author was correct in pointing out  
that our country was formed by individ-  
uals who stood up for what they believed in.  
Those who led the American revolution be-  
lieved in a country where the citizens are  
given the freedom to make decisions for  
themselves. That includes the decision of  
whether to serve in the military.

There is no doubt that individuals who  
have chosen to desert our country in this  
time of need should be punished. They  
have not only discredited themselves, but  
also have broken a commitment to their fel-  
low soldiers and the United States of Amer-  
ica with their actions.

We are all adults who have made the con-  
scious decision to enlist in the military. If  
along the way we realize that we are no  
longer committed to serve, we are all given  
the option to re-enlist.

Very few soldiers genuinely want to be  
deployed. We all miss the comforts of  
home and our families. But what would  
happen if all of us just decided we didn't  
agree with the war and refused to fight?

Fortunately the majority of those who en-

list realize what they are getting into and  
have a profound respect for the nation  
they have sworn to defend.

After being deployed for 14 months and  
observing the quality of life of most Iraqis,  
I have developed a new appreciation for  
all the freedoms I enjoy as a U.S. citizen.  
Our government believes that by fighting  
in this war, we will protect and preserve  
these freedoms and make America a safer  
place for those who live there.

Every soldier should take the time to re-  
view the Soldier's Creed and remember  
just what they signed up for.

We are fortunate to live in a country  
where we can make our own choices. If  
you make the choice to join the military  
service, it is your duty to fulfill your com-  
mitment and trust the decisions made by  
our government.

As American soldiers, we have made a  
promise to stand up for what we believe in  
by putting the needs of our country before  
our own. Refusing the call of duty is wrong  
no matter the circumstances, and it should  
be punished to the full extent.

Sgt. Ashley L. Rentsch  
Camp Arlington, Kuwait

## All soldiers deserve badge

I'm writing in response to the June 17  
letter "Soldiers should earn badge" about  
who deserves to wear the Combat Infantry-  
man Badge and combat patch.

I'm a soldier from 1st Infantry Divi-  
sion's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regi-  
ment. I wear my combat patch and I do  
it with pride along with everyone else in my  
unit.

I agree with the writer that he deserves  
his patch and CIB, but who is he to say that  
I don't? Once everyone from Operation  
Iraq Freedom I leaves, that doesn't mean  
mortars will quit flying and improvised ex-  
plosive devices will quit exploding.

Soldiers are still risking their lives  
whether they are with OIF or OIF2.

Some people say that I don't deserve my  
patch because I'm a helicopter mechanic  
and I stay on base most of the time; I'm not  
out looking for the enemy.

Were the soldiers who died in Balad's  
post exchange looking for the enemy? No,  
but they deserve every medal or award  
that you could possibly fit on a pair of  
Class A's because they gave their lives for  
the mission.

Sgt. Gregory Vasquez  
Forward Operating Base Mackenzie, Iraq



## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Follow through on Afghanistan  
The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

Hamid Karzai visited Washington this month, staying just long enough to allow President Bush to showcase the popular Afghan president as the face of what Bush calls a major U.S. success in the war on terrorism. But that picture is distorted.

Karzai thanked America again for ousting the Taliban regime, depriving al-Qaida of a base of operations and putting Afghanistan on the path to self-government. But he also cited some unpleasant truths — for example, that the country has the world's second-highest infant and maternal mortality rates and desperate needs aid and investment.

But if the past is a guide, \$4.4 billion in reconstruction funds pledged by donors nations in March will be slow to arrive. ... Yet the prime victims are the Afghan people, who deserve better.

Caught between self-serving regional warlords, a resurgent guerrilla force and foreign donors who deliver less than they promise, Hamid Karzai is forced to make compromises — and to gloss over painful realities to obtain what he can. But failure to provide aid and security would betray our mission, and those Americans who fought and died for them. As in Iraq, Bush is either focused too narrowly on his own interests or still thinks nation-building can be done on the cheap, with the help of a few photo-ops. It can't.

Conditions favor redeployment  
The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

Details are lacking, but the Pentagon's plan to re deploy forces now stationed in former hot spots from the Cold War is at least sensible and possibly urgent.

Thousands of troops have been stationed in Germany since the end of World War II, first to stabilize the broken country, then as a strategic counter to the expansionist aims of the Soviet Union. But the Soviet Union does not exist anymore.

By the same token, the decision to cut the number of U.S. troops in South Korea by a third — about 12,000 — is an affirmation of the reality that Seoul's forces are now capable, with the help of American air power, of defending the country.

The threat the United States and its Western allies face today is more likely to come from the Chinese or from North Asia. If the nation is going to station forces in foreign lands, it should be based on existing conditions, not a memory of decades gone by. ...

If the nation has fewer troops than necessary to do the job in Iraq, part of the reason is that we still have them in Germany and South Korea, as well as Japan. ... The World Trade Center obliterated and Iraq a shooting gallery, it's hard to see how troops in Germany and South Korea serve the nation's needs in the 21st century.

Get to heart of pledge suit  
The Courier, Findlay, Ohio

The Supreme Court popped out. Rather than taking the opportunity to rule, once and for all, on the constitutionality of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, the court (this month) took a pass. It instead ruled 5-3 that the plaintiff, attorney Michael Newdow, could not represent his daughter because he lacks full custody.



The court's decision leaves the schools free to continue to recite the pledge, including the disputed phrase "under God." But for how long? It's a near certainty that sooner or later Newdow or somebody else will try again.

The court lost an opportunity to affirm the right of all Americans to acknowledge God in public — if they so choose.

Haste makes waste disappair  
The State, (Columbia, S.C.)

Whatever happens on the munitions and energy from one thing cannot be denied. A national, long-term examination leads to the inescapable conclusion that [the] Savannah River Site is not the best long-term repository for any of our nation's high-level radioactive waste.

SRS is dangerously close to natural resources that make it a poor choice for permanent waste storage. It is near important water sources, the Tuscaloosa aquifer and the Savannah River. The site sits at the edge of a seismic fault, and the threat of future earthquakes along this high level. Populated areas, including Aiken and Augusta (Ga.), are nearby. Meanwhile, 37 million gallons of high-level radioactive waste remain housed in aging tanks at SRS.

For more than 20 years, national law has specified that the waste will be solidified and moved to a permanent, deep geologic repository. However, politics, the high cost and some interest group objections have blocked the opening of such a facility at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. ...

We call upon Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy to move ahead with the funding and authorizations necessary to begin the process of solidifying and moving high-level radioactive waste to Yucca Mountain. ... It is long past time, for the good of our entire nation, to get moving on the process of constructing and operating a permanent, national disposal site.

Faulty incident reports typical  
Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

The U.S. State Department put out a report a couple of months ago ... that the number of terrorist incidents has dropped steadily from 2001 through 2003, reaching a 34-year low.

Recently, however, Secretary of State Colin Powell has admitted that the report was wrong.

The State Department left entire coun-

tries out of its count; it gave special weight to terrorist acts that resulted in no deaths, injuries or major property damage, and it discontinued its 2003 count two months before the end of year.

Normally, in situations like this, somebody calls for an investigation into how the foul-up happened.

However, given the quality of the Bush administration's other information-gathering and analytical exercises lately, maybe there's no point.

Taking on a 'Life' of its own  
The Anniston (Ala.) Star

If the weeklong memorial leading up to the funeral of former President Reagan marked a return to the '80s, then the rush of news and comment in recent and coming days over the release of former President Clinton's memoir represents a return to the '90s. With that return comes a resurgence of all the familiar debates.

Among some there'll be a return of adoration for the man and his progressive, forward-looking policies, most notably an economic revival. Among others there'll be scorn cast from those who continue to blame Clinton for everything from a loss of American "values" to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. ...

Notably, unlike other recent presidential memoirists, Clinton himself is believed to have written the first draft of the memoir in longhand. The result is a publishing phenomenon likely to have repercussions on everything from the Iraqi occupation, to the war on terrorism to the upcoming presidential election.

At more than 900 pages, "My Life" is not what typically comes to mind as a "beach read." Yet given the subject and the wide range of emotions it causes, it could certainly become one.

Students owed help with debt  
Star Tribune, Minneapolis

If a college education hasn't already turned this year's grads into cynics, Congress is considering a proposal that should do the trick: Just as student loan interest rates hit an all-time low, key lawmakers want to deny new graduates the opportunity to lock in today's low rates through loan consolidation.

Instead, leading Republicans and a few Democrats on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce propose that federally guaranteed student loans be consolidated only on a variable-rate basis. ...

Making the grads pay more would be in keeping with the last quarter-century's U.S. policy trend in higher-education financing.

Congress has abandoned grants for all but the neediest students, even as the states have pulled back on support for public colleges and universities. ... As a result, debt has become the American way to pay for college. ...

Whether the real goal is more money for the military, the lenders or needy college students, the way to get it should not be to add to the repayment cost of student loans. Congress had it right in 1986: The nation has an interest in helping recent college grads establish their careers. Loan consolidations fixed at today's low rate levels will give those careers important financial breathing room. Providing that opportunity is the least the federal government should do for debt-burdened college students.

Atta spoke, and chaos reigned  
Press & Sun-Bulletin, Binghamton, N.Y.

We finally heard his voice. It was difficult to not be chilled by the words of Mohamed Atta on the tape (recently) played before the Sept. 11 commission. The words were cold and deceitful, his tone was deceptively calm. What would you expect from such a monster? The dramatic denouement of the commission's public testimony gave a clearer picture of the chaos and misjudgments made in the air that day. Tapes and testimony reinforced the fact that responsibility for preventing the awful events of Sept. 11, 2001, cannot be placed on one back, but many.

There were the air traffic controllers who misunderstood messages. There was the FAA worker who, when pressed by the national Air Traffic Control System Command Center for an order to scramble fighter jets at United Flight 93 over Pennsylvania, replied: "Uh, ya know everybody just left the room." [This month's] testimony showed how weak our intra-emergency response was for sky dangers. Today, NORAD pilots make daily tests and dry runs of Sept. 11-like scenarios. That's at the very least one step. ...

The commission's report will surely contain some political bombshells. We must be quick to clear away the smoke from these and seize the opportunity to glean as much knowledge as we can from this horrific experience. Sadly, as the family of Paul Johnson now knows, al-Qaida's war against us didn't end on Sept. 11.







## Stolen wheelchair

**NY** GLOVERSVILLE — Two men are in jail after pleading guilty to stealing a wheelchair from a 6-year-old who suffers from cerebral palsy.

Kenneth Teeling, 35, and Duane Teeling, 40, accepted a plea deal that puts them behind bars for 90 days. Duane Teeling will also have to perform 150 hours of community service. Melissa Wheeler, 40, was also charged but pleaded innocent. She will return to court in July.

Holly TenEyck's purple and black wheelchair was stolen off her front lawn in April, while the girl's mother carried her into their home after school.

## Man killed in driveway

**WV** SHEPHERDSTOWN — A man who apparently was pinned by a van he was working on lay dead in his driveway for up to four days before a neighbor noticed him, police said.

Allan P. Burfoot, 57, was found Sunday morning, State Police Trooper H.D. Heil said.

"The parking brake wasn't on and the vehicle wasn't in gear, and it apparently rolled onto him" as he worked on the vehicle, Heil said. He was pinned under the front passenger side tire, he said.

Checking messages on Burfoot's answering machine, investigators believe he was pinned as early as Wednesday, Heil said. Burfoot's closest relative, a sister, lives out of state.

## Surprise comments

**TX** EDINBURG — Faculty and news reporters who tuned into the University of Texas-Pan American's announcement of a new campus president got an earful when a technician pressed a button too early.

"I think we need a new provost," Blandina Cardenas is heard telling the UT System Regents during a live Internet broadcast Monday night, shortly before she was named president. "The problem is, how much backup do I have and how quickly can I move to make that change?"

Provost Rodolfo Arevalo told The (McAllen) Monitor in Wednesday's editions that he had not yet talked with Cardenas about the broadcast, but was not holding it against her.

"Probably, just in general terms, I think her take on it was the tail end on a much larger discussion," Arevalo said.

A university spokeswoman said Cardenas was not available for comment Wednesday.

State Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, was present when the comments were aired and said they indicated she would be a strong president.

## Flower smells like ...

**CT** STORRS — A giant exotic plant that has not bloomed in the Northeast in more than 60 years is ready to flower at the University of Connecticut's greenhouses. The "corpse flower" has the odor of 3-day-old road kill, and UConn botanists couldn't be



more excited.

Once open, the spiked, bright red bloom even resembles rotting meat, a veritable welcome mat for the insects that pollinate it — flies and carrion beetles.

"It looks like something has died. It smells like something has died. It has some of the same chemicals that dead bodies produce," UConn research assistant Matthew Opel said Tuesday.

The corpse flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*) at UConn was planted 10 years ago and was part of a group of seeds brought to the United States from its native Sumatra by botanical explorer James Symon.

The plant is expected to blossom in the next five to six days.

## Wright brothers auction

**OH** DAYTON — A New Hampshire auction company will sell a letter in which Orville Wright expresses disappointment over the Smithsonian Institution's failure to display the 1903 flyer he built with his brother.

Wright was 54 when he wrote the letter in 1925 to George Kunz, president of a New York "Museum of the Peaceful Arts," apparently one of the many institutions seeking to display the plane.

The Wright brothers were upset with the Smithsonian's support of rival aviator Samuel Langley, its assistant secretary, and the institution's failure to credit the Dayton natives' flights as the world's first.

Langley received \$50,000 from the Smithsonian to build a machine that inched above the Potomac River and crashed into the water on Dec. 8, 1903, nine days



**Bombs bursting**  
The Freedom Festival fireworks show lights up the Detroit River and skyline as seen from Windsor, Ontario.

before the Wrights succeeded at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

"... [T]he Smithsonian has not cared to exhibit our plane of 1903, which was the first to fly, because it would overshadow the 1903 Langley machine, which failed to fly," Wright wrote in the typed, one-page letter.

Bob Eaton, president of R&R Auction of Bedford, N.H., said the letter came from "a collector of aviation material in Ohio."

The letter carries a minimum bid of \$2,000 and is expected to bring \$4,000 to \$6,000 at auction Wednesday, Eaton said.

## Girls protest slots

**WV** WEIRTON — It was bad enough when Bruster's ice cream shop became a gambling parlor. But when Dairy Queens closed to make way for mini casinos, two 11-year-old girls had to act.

Dazja Gianessi and Maya Carey crafted a simple petition, asking people to help bring ice cream back to this town. Unexpectedly, it has begun to galvanize a long-simmering antigambling backlash.

Weirton, with just 20,000 residents, has the state's highest concentration of video poker bars, with 81 establishments. Maya said grown-ups seem to have forgotten that children need places to hang out, too.

"I think they're just being selfish, worrying about themselves," she said. "They don't think children will do anything about it."

But in two weeks, the girls have collected nearly 600 signatures, including that of Gov. Bob Wise (No. 241).

It was Wise, however, who pushed for the Limited Video Lottery Act of 2001, which allows 9,000 video poker machines in bars, private clubs and other adult settings.

## Graduation standards

**HI** HONOLULU — Public high school students would have to pass two additional courses in either foreign language, fine arts or vocational education in order to graduate under a proposal scheduled for a final vote by the state Board of Education.

If approved by the board at its regular meeting Thursday at Konaheena High School on the Big Island, Hawaii would join only a handful of states requiring students to complete 24 credits for graduation.

"The impetus behind it is to raise the expectations of the kids and raise the rigor of the high school curriculum," said Tony Calabrese, director of the instructional services branch of the Department of Education.

A task force charged with studying the state's graduation standards originally recommended that the two courses replace physical education and social studies requirements as part of an effort to make foreign language, fine arts, or vocational education mandatory, rather than optional.

If approved, the plan would take effect in the 2006-07 school year, for students graduating in 2010.



**Good dog!**  
Bill Henkel, of the Washington State Patrol K-9 unit, leads his dog Butch along a string of cars in line for the ferry at Colman Dock in Seattle.



**Are we there yet?**  
Driver Rex Gardner of Stillwell, Kan., and navigator Gary Kuck of Lincoln, Neb., pull into Ottawa, Kan., in a 1934 Ford Indy car.



**Carrying a torch**  
Olympic bobsled gold medalist Vonetta Flowers runs through a cheering crowd as she carries the Olympic Torch through Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta.



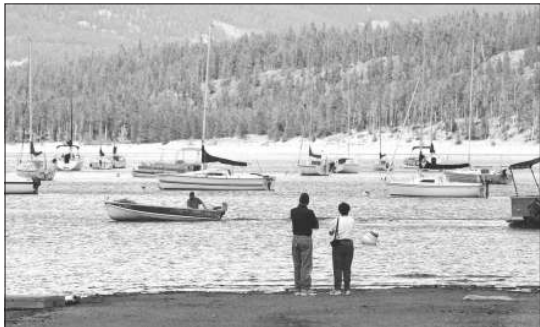
## Monster rally

Motorcycle enthusiasts cruise the rows of parked motorcycles at Wiers Beach in Laconia, N.H., during Laconia Bike Week.



## Coming to a rest

A trailer rests atop a boat after it was blown over during a storm that hit Amarillo, Texas, the day before.



## Low down and dirty

Barbara and Larry Wapensky, of Denver, watch from a temporary boat ramp as a boat passes at the Frisco Bay Marina on Lake Dillon near Frisco, Colo. Although the water is 4 feet below normal for this time of year, the marina is fully operational.

## Hospital lock scam

**NY** MANHASSET — Five people have been arrested in an alleged scheme to steal \$6 million from a Long Island hospital by submitting fraudulent bills for locks and lock parts, police said.

Among those arrested were Raymond J. Orlando, 46, of Melville, who was the 18-year locksmith foreman for North Shore University Hospital, Nassau County Police said in a news release.

Police said Orlando and Roy Brown, 54, of Plainville, formed businesses they used to submit phony invoice receipts for lock parts and tubes for pneumatic locks.

A maintenance worker or foreman would allegedly ask for a purchase requisition for the hardware, getting approval from supervision in the maintenance department. Bills for the parts would then be submitted to the hospital on behalf of the fake businesses, police said.

## Stalking problem

**NY** CHEEKTOWAGA — A man convicted of stalking a woman is now also accused of stalking a police lieutenant, a prosecutor and two judges.

FBI agents raided John Mikula's home and said they found guns, materials that could be used to make bombs and maps showing home addresses of the town employees.

Investigators said they also found evidence that Mikula, 41, is associated with the Army of God, a group that advocates violence against abortion providers. Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark said Mikula had written letters warning people that he could soon be shot dead in a shootout with police.

## Traffic stop horror

**MI** LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP — A woman pulled over by a sheriff's deputy for speeding was killed early Wednesday when a tractor-trailer plowed into both of their stopped vehicles, police said.

The deputy suffered injuries in the accident on Interstate 196 in northern Michigan. The truck then ran into Emily Charlyn Van Dyke's car and dragged the car beneath its chassis into the ditch, where both vehicles caught fire.

## Free ride southbound

**NH** CONCORD — Southbound drivers on Interstate 95 will get a free ride starting next week, while northbound drivers will pay double tolls. The Executive Council approved the one-way tolls for 21 weeks starting Wednesday and running through Oct. 21. Gov. Craig Benson is a strong advocate of the one-way tolls to reduce traffic backups during the busy summer and fall tourism seasons.

## Family rampage

**NY** SILVER SPRINGS — Authorities are investigating whether a man sexually abused his three daughters after he shot his estranged wife in the face and kidnapped the teenagers at gunpoint.

One of the girls fatally shot Walter N. Ball on Wednesday

night as he slept in his car, about 30 miles east of Carson City, police said. He apparently had been drinking heavily.

The girls, ages 13, 16 and 19, led officers to the body, Lyon County Sheriff's Capt. Jeff Page said. Page said no charges were pending against the girls.

## Rehab assignment

**GA** AUGUSTA — Twelve active-duty members of the military are undergoing rehabilitation at a new unit of the Augusta Veterans Affairs hospital. The 60-bed facility is designed to smooth the transition of service members between the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jim Trusley III, director of the Augusta VA hospital, says the unit is the first transitional facility of its kind in the VA system.

## Audubon connection

**KY** HENDERSON — The City Commission has formed a sister-city relationship with the town in France where wildlife artist John James Audubon spent his boyhood. The small town of Coueron is located on the Loire River, much like Henderson borders the Ohio River. Audubon lived in Henderson the longest during his adulthood.

## Farm tax credits

**MO** ST. JOSEPH — Gov. Bob Holden signed a package of agriculture bills designed to make certain tax credits more valuable for farmers. The credits could be taken on a quarterly basis and could be applied against taxes owed for the previous three years. Tax credits could also be carried forward five years.

Holden said the measures highlight state efforts to help Missouri's rural communities.

## Sewer power

**OH** CLEVELAND — The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District plans to spend nearly \$30 million on backup power to ensure it can adequately treat sewage during a blackout. The blackout last August caused two of the district's three plants to bypass full treatment.

An estimated 65 million gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage were dumped into the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie.

## Saving lots of green

**NH** College officials from around New England and eastern Canada are looking at saving energy to help the environment, and their budgets.

"It's not a bad thing to admit that much of the drive for energy conservation comes from our need to be fiscally responsible," UNH President Ann Weisman Hart said at a conference on Friday.

She addressed about 60 planners at the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers College and University Climate Change Symposium.

The symposium was part of a partnership in which about 80 colleges in New England and Eastern Canada pledged this year to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to John Shea of the governors group.

Photos and stories from wire reports

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**Q**I read that Prince William, the 22-year-old future king of England, has a girlfriend. What can you tell me about her? — Dick Wells, New Orleans

**A**She is Kate Middleton, 22, the prince's housemate at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. The willowy daughter of wealthy commoners who own a mail-order business, she's an art history major who shares William's love of sports. Kate is the handsome royal's first serious girlfriend, and we doubt that she will be his last.

**Q**Pundits Bill O'Reilly and Al Franken have been feuding since Franken said O'Reilly lied about his upbringing and about winning an award. Who's telling the truth? — P.B., Great Neck, N.Y.

**A**It's nipping. Franken cited an inaccurate report that O'Reilly was raised in middle-class Westbury, N.Y., not nearby working-class Levittown. We saw the deed to the house, and it says Levittown. And O'Reilly, a PARADE Contributing Editor, did win the two Emmys and other awards listed at his Fox News Web site. But his Inside Edition show won a Peabody Award, not a Peabody, as he had stated. O'Reilly admitted the error after it was brought to his attention.

**Q**Christina Aguilera canceled a show I had tickets for. Why? — Lisa Grant, Seattle

**A**My doctors advised me to rest my throat," says Aguilera, 23, who canceled her 28-city North American tour after straining her vocal cords. The pop star was pushing her voice to double duty—rehearsing for the tour and recording tunes for an ad campaign.

**Q**Do you think Kobe Bryant's wife, Vanessa, will stay with him after his trial on rape charges? — Pam James, Waldorf, Md.

**A**It depends on which runs out first — Kobe's wallet or the diamond mines of Africa.

**Q**I was amazed by the acting of little Dakota Fanning in "Man on Fire." Can you tell me the origins of her first name? — Jay Harden, Morrow, Ga.

**A**"Dakota means 'friend' in the Sioux language, and we thought it would make a lovely name," explains Joy Fanning, mother of the talented 10-year-old from Georgia. "Actually, Dakota is her middle name. Her first name is Hannah." And, she might have added, Dakota looks better than Hannah up there in lights.

**Q**You recently asked your readers who should replace Pierce Brosnan when he eventually retires as James Bond. What were the results of your survey? — Reta Kennedy, Houston

**A**"Highlander" star, won hands-down. One reader wrote: "He's tall, dark and overwhelmingly handsome, has a sexy British accent, formidable athletic skills and can turn up the heat in a love scene." Incidentally, another reader suggested that the original 007 — Sean Connery, 73 — take over as M from Dame Judi Dench.



Dakota Fanning

**Q**Who would you say was the most influential style-setter in Hollywood history? — Kevin Sullivan, Boston

**A**We agree with David Thomson, author of the definitive New Biographical Dictionary of Film, who singles out costume designer

Edith Head for that honor. Head, who died in 1981 at age 83, was nominated for 35 Oscars between 1948 and 1977 and won eight. Director John Huston once joked that an Academy Award was written into Head's contract.

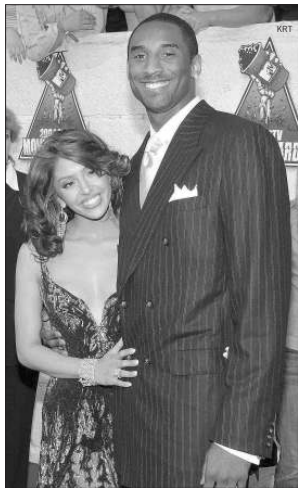


**Q**I have been a fan of Lorenzo Lamas ever since he joined "The Bold and the Beautiful." Just curious: Has he resolved his messy divorce? — Carol Carlton, Cleveland

**A**His divorce from wife No. 4 — Aishama Sand, 33 — is imminent. Lamas, 45, tells us he already has a new main squeeze: Barbara Moore, 35, a professional ballroom dancer and former Playboy Playmate. She'll need to be quick on her feet to keep up with this Latin lover.

**Q**How do celebs like Denise Richards maintain their golden tans? — Ginny Martin, Seattle

**A**Tinseltown tanners go for hand-applied color at salons like Encino's Skin Spa, where Richards got bronzed for her 2002 wedding to Charlie Sheen. The three-day exfoliation and application is \$200, with \$67 touchups required weekly. A quicker fix, preferred by Paris Hilton, is the 60-second misting application, which also lasts a week but costs a mere \$29 at West Hollywood's Sunset Tan.



Far left: Diamond-loving duo Kobe Bryant and his wife Vanessa, attend this year's MTV Movie Awards at Sony Studios in Culver City, Calif., earlier this month. Top right: Denise Richards shows off the bronze skin that she got at a California spa. Right: Christina Aguilera, holding the Grammy for best female pop performance in February, has canceled shows to rest her "Beautiful" voice.



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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Springsteen won't play for political party

A concert promoter and Democratic activist is gathering signatures in an effort to draft **Bruce Springsteen** for a benefit concert to oppose President **Bush's** re-election bid.

Promoter **Andrew Rasiej** wants to hold the event at **Giants Stadium** on Sept. 1, during the Republican National Convention in New York.

He said it's contingent on Springsteen's agreeing to be there, which he hopes would lead other artists to join in.

A Springsteen spokeswoman, however, said he will not play.

"Bruce Springsteen will not be performing at any events tied to the Republican or Democratic conventions," Marilyn Laverty said from

Newark, N.J.

Rasiej has served as technology adviser to former Democratic presidential candidate **Howard Dean**.

## Bucking the unusual baby name trend

Given the celebrity trend of unusual baby names such as **Apple** and **Coco**, how did "Crossing Jordan" star **Jill Hennessy** and her husband, actor **Paolo Mastropietro**, come up with the name **Marco** for their son?

"I'm sorry, it was the only name that came to us," the 34-year-old actress told *People* magazine from New York. "He needed an Italian name to go with [Mastropietro]. But it's very phonetic. No one's going to mess it up."

Hennessy and Mastropietro were married in October 2000. Marco was born in September 2003.

Hennessy plays medical examiner **Dr. Jordan Cavanaugh** on NBC's "Crossing Jordan." She starred in NBC's "Law & Order" from 1993-96.

## Elton John performs songs for 'Billy Elliot'

**Elton John** performed some of the songs he's written for "Billy Elliot: The Musical" during a preview in London.

The musical, directed by **Stephen Daldry**, will open at the **Victoria Palace Theatre** on March 11, 2005, according to the musical's Web site.

John said he was deeply moved when he saw Daldry's film about a young boy in a mining town who bucks tradition to study ballet.

"I was sobbing in my seat and had to be carted out by three people," said the 57-year-old pop star, who previewed his songs Tuesday.

Daldry received an Oscar nomination for the 2000 film on which the musical is based.

## Ashley Judd: the new face of beauty

**Ashley Judd**, star of the upcoming film "De-Lovely," has been signed as the spokeswoman for American Beauty, BeautyBank's new skin-care and cosmetics brand.

Judd, 36, co-stars with **Kevin Kline** in the new **Irwin Winkler** movie on the life of **Cole Porter**. The film is scheduled for limited release on July 2.

"Ashley Judd embodies all of the qualities that define our new brand, American Beauty," **William Lauder**, chief operating officer of The Estee Lauder Companies, said in a statement Wednesday in New York.

BeautyBank is a division of The Estee Lauder Companies.

"Ms. Judd is glamorous, elegant, intelligent while being warm and accessible and we're confident that women will connect with her," Lauder said.

American Beauty will be in selected stores in October, and will be available nationwide next fall, the company said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Casting calls hit campus



THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

**Iman Nazemzadeh**, left, and **Candice Patton**, both Southern Methodist University students, won a nationwide contest on CBS's "The Early Show" to receive multiple-episode acting contracts on the soap opera "The Young and the Restless."

## Soap opera adds two Southern Methodist students to cast

BY DARLA ATLAS  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS

To the legions of people hoping to become professional actors, **Iman Nazemzadeh** and **Candice Patton**'s story might give them faith that it's possible. Or it'll make them seethe with envy.

In what certainly qualifies as a big break, Patton and Nazemzadeh won a nationwide contest on CBS's "The Early Show" to receive multiple-episode acting contracts on "The Young and the Restless."

And these aren't walk-on parts as waiters or passers-by; they'll be full-fledged characters. Their roles are being written for them now, with filming set to begin in the fall.

Their road to stardom began in April, when the soap's reps held casting calls at five campuses around the country, including Southern Methodist University. Patton, a theater major who just finished her freshman year, read about the auditions in the school newspaper.

"I decided I really didn't want to go to math that day, so I figured I'd skip and go on over there," she said. "It was worth a shot."

Nazemzadeh, who graduated in May with a theater degree, said he, too, was nonchalant about the whole thing, but at the urging of a friend, he went.

Each hopeful had a short time, about five seconds, to make an impression on **Y&R** casting director **Marnie Saita**. Nazemzadeh, 23, decided to sell himself apart.

"I said, 'You are really, really gorgeous; I think I have a crush on you. Maybe I can take you to dinner while you're here.' I was being really obnoxious," he admitted with a laugh. But it worked; he, Patton and about 10 others were called back later that day to read a scene. Both felt they landed it.

"I walked away feeling this was the best callback I'd ever done," said Nazemzadeh, whose career has already begun to take off. He recently shot scenes for the locally filmed pilot of the NBC show "LAX," starring **Heather Locklear** and **Blair Underwood**, and last week landed a role in "Sin City," now being shot in Austin and starring **Bruce Willis**, **Elijah Wood**, **Benicio Del Toro** and other big names.

For the soap gig, he and Patton were told to watch "The Early Show" on the morning of May 14 to find out whether they'd been chosen as finalists from their school.

Patton, 18, waited "in agony," but halfway through the show, "one of my friends in Orlando called, screaming, 'Oh my God, oh my God!'" she recalled. "I said, 'Don't say anything! We're an hour behind you guys.' They were like, 'Oh, OK, we'll call you later.' So that kind of ruined the surprise."

Nazemzadeh was in agony for a different reason that morning.

"I was sitting at home, hung over," he said. "A friend called and said, 'Hey, Iman, you got it.' The following week, the two flew to New York to film scenes with **Melody Thomas Scott**, who plays **Nikki Reed Newman**, and **Christian LeBlanc**, who plays **Michael Baldwin**. It was then up to the viewers to choose the top man and woman from the 10 finalists.

Patton's strategy for winning included marketing herself with fliers around campus.

"I felt kind of like a politician," she said. Nazemzadeh relied on mass e-mails "and a lot of support from the Persian people in the community."

They then waited for the fateful call. Patton, who had flown to New York on May 21 for her "Early Show" audition, flew back that day.

The next night, she was out listening to her boyfriend's band play and didn't hear her phone ring. Listening to her messages later, the show's producer said, "I hope you get this call before 11 a.m. tomorrow, because that's when your flight is to New York. You won." Nazemzadeh said he took his news of winning calmly, "but my mom and brother were screaming, jumping up and down."

The two, who will have separate story lines on the soap, could work for a few weeks, a few months or longer.

"If the fans really like a character," Patton said, "it has everything to do with them staying on."

For now, both are thrilled for the opportunity, as are their families. Patton, who grew up in a Dallas suburb, describes her parents as "a little stage mom and dad."

"My dad is already talking about being my agent, manager and bodyguard. But he wants 20 percent for each," she said.





## YOUR MONEY

## Filing out W-4s is taxing task

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new command. Last week Petty Officer Porch talked about LES.

Petty Officer Porch continued, "The next topic is taxes. I was reluctant to talk about taxes, but your president requested it. Please don't shoot the messenger."

"Understanding your taxes is not as difficult as many make it out to be. Remember this presentation is just an overview of the basics, and everybody's tax situation is different."

"Go ahead and look at your second handout, which includes examples of your W-2, W-4 and Form 1040EZ."

"In January, the Navy will send you your Form W-2 to summarize your pay and taxes withheld from the previous year."

"Withheld?" a woman in the front asked.

"Yes. Our tax system is 'pay-as-you-go,'" he replied. "The Navy withholds or takes money out of each paycheck and sends it to the government. You control how much money the Navy takes out of your paycheck by filling out a W-4 form. Your annual income should be to have the Navy take out the correct amount of taxes from each paycheck — neither too much nor too little."

"How do I figure out how much money to take out from each paycheck?" the same woman asked.

"That is where the W-4 comes in," he replied. "You adjust your taxes by selecting allowances on your W-4 form. The Navy adjusts the amount of money taken from each paycheck for each allowance you take."

"How will I know how many allowances to take?" the woman in the front row asked.

"Here is a simple rule of thumb to follow: Always start with two allowances and add an allowance for each of the following: one if you are married, one for every child you maintain, one if you buy

a home and one if you maximize a retirement account contribution," he replied.

"Following your rule of thumb, my spouse and I should take three allowances on our W-4 right now since we don't have any children and don't have an IRA?" she asked.

"In general, yes," he replied. "But remember we only want the Navy to take out the correct amount of taxes from each paycheck — neither too much nor too little. Use the allowances rule of thumb to approximate; then, calculate this year's actual taxes in advance for your budget as a double-check."

"Let me see if I can put together an example to help," the petty officer said, noticing the tax discussion was not sinking in well by the glazed-over looks. "What rank is your husband and how long has he been in the Navy, ma'am?"

"He just made E-5 and has been in for four years," she replied.

Porch started writing on the whiteboard.

When he finished, he continued, "Just follow these steps to estimate your actual taxes in 2004."

"Step one, figure your annual base pay. A married E-5 with more than four years of service makes \$19,991 a month or \$23,892 a year."

"Step two, subtract \$15,900 — the sum of your 2004 standard deduction of \$9,700 and two personal exemptions of \$6,200. \$23,892 minus \$15,900 is \$7,992."

"Step three, multiply what is left by 15 percent. \$7,992 times 0.15 is \$1,199."

"Step four, subtract \$300. \$1,199 minus \$300 is \$899."

Next week Porch talks about Tax Form 1040.

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## Money U.



Ralph Nelson



AP photos

Rob O'Hara poses with his collection of 16 full-sized arcade machines at his home in Yukon, Okla. O'Hara, who has played both the original and re-releases of classic games, said the re-releases are aren't "quite the same."

## Old-school video games coming back

BY MICHAEL FELBERBAUM

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — When Rob O'Hara needs a serious video game fix, he unwinds a black rubber joystick and plays a few rounds of "Space Invaders" on his Atari 2600, vintage 1982.

The 30-year-old networking engineer owns newer Xbox, PlayStation 2 and GameCube consoles, but for a true gaming geek like O'Hara, nothing tops the blocky graphics and simple sound effects of retro video games.

"Playing games was a big part of my childhood," said the Yukon, Okla., man.

"Back then, it seems like games were more family-oriented and, as a result, families ended up playing a lot of games together."

O'Hara is no relic in his love of 1980s electronic nostalgia.

Vintage consoles are plentiful on Internet auction sites. An annual "Classic Gaming Expo" convention is growing, moving to larger quarters this year. And companies are trying to cash in with repackaged editions of classics including the space fighter "Defender" and the pill-munching "Pac-Man."

Nintendo Co. recently released eight classic games for its portable Game Boy Advance, including "Super Mario Bros.," "The Legend of Zelda" and "Excitebike." Along with the \$20-apiece games, the company also released a \$100 Game Boy Advance system styled after its original Nintendo Entertainment System.

Jaks Pacific, meanwhile, sells a line of retro video game systems from classic game companies such as Atari, Namco, Capcom and Activision. The \$20 battery-powered systems, first released two years ago, plug directly into televisions and resemble old-fashioned joysticks.

"Games like Pac-Man are still as compelling today as they were 30 years ago," said spokesperson Genna Goldberg of the Malibu, Calif.-based company. "There is a big nostalgia value."

Retro video gaming has become something of a pop culture phenomenon lately, with video game music and themes featured in television commercials for Hummer and Saturn sport utility vehicles. A top 20 R&B hit, "Game Over (Pit)" by Lil' Flip features sound effects from "Pac-Man."

It's not just nostalgia that's fueling retro video interest, says O'Hara. He thinks the old games were



O'Hara's personal collection of retro games includes dozens of gaming systems and vintage computers, thousands of games and 16 full-sized arcade machines.

simply more fun to play. "There's a phrase that's used a lot in marketing — 'easy to learn, hard to master' — that describes most classic video games."

Gamers itching to relive their Atari, Colecovision and Intellivision days can find plenty of systems for about \$20 on Internet auction sites like eBay. Many video game stores sell refurbished models for a bit more, about \$80.

You can even travel to game as a group. Last year's Classic Gaming Expo drew more than 1,400 attendees, and this year the August event is moving from Las Vegas to the convention center in San Jose, Calif., to accommodate larger crowds.

Expo spokesman Jayson Hill says there's a whole generation of older gamers who trashed their systems when they were kids. Now, they're feeling nostalgic and have some money to spend.

"There was a time when you could walk into any thrift store and pick up a couple of cartridges for 50 cents and systems for a game of dollars," Hill said.

"Those days are gone."

Many who go back and play the older games are often surprised, however, at the crudeness of the graphics, said Steven L. Kent, author of "The Ultimate History of Video Games."

"A lot of people look back on old games like a kind of Camelot. Only when you do, you see that the castle smelly, the food was rancid and the maidens were bloated."





## RELIGION

# Handwritten Bible has modern touches

## Eight-year, \$4 million project aims to produce a book for the ages

BY JEFF BAENEN  
The Associated Press

**A** DONALD JACKSON and his scribes worked on a handwritten and "illuminated" Bible, they used an image unavailable to the monks of the Middle Ages: a view of Earth taken from outer space.

It's one of the many modern touches in the St. John's Bible, from using computers to lay out pages to using "virtual voice prints" of chanting monks, Buddhists and American Indians in several artworks.

"It's a work of art and spirituality for the new millennium. It's not a 12th century Bible," Tim Ternes, director of public programs and education for the St. John's Bible, says. "It's very modern."

But this Bible — believed to be the first of its kind commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years — is still done the old-fashioned way, with every letter and illustration painstakingly drawn by hand.

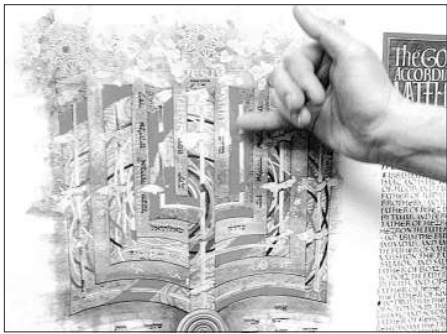
Jackson and his team of artists in Monmouth, Wales, use quills cut from goose or swan feathers. Ancient inks are prepared using the yolks of eggs from free-range chickens near Jackson's scriptorium as a binder. The words are written on large sheets of prepared vellum, or calfskin, which are then illuminated, or brought to light, with gold, silver or platinum to form dazzling artwork.

"People just open a page and tears come into their eyes," Jackson says.

The eight-year, \$4 million project funded by private donations has reached the halfway point. Jackson and his artists have completed three volumes and have four to go. About 70 percent of the text has been written, and 40 percent to 45 percent of the illustrations are done.

When the Bible is finished, expected in 2007, the massive work will total about 1,150 pages. When open, the facing pages measure about a foot wide by 2 feet tall. Each volume will be bound separately and have a cover of white oak from Wales.

Ternes says the St. John's Bible — stored in special cases in a vault at St. John's University, about 70 miles northwest of Minneapolis — is intended for the ages.



An illustration for the Gospel According to Matthew illumines a page from The St. John's Bible, commissioned by St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn. The Bible, believed to be the first of its kind commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years, was done the old-fashioned way, with every letter and illustration drawn by hand.

"It's being designed to last 4,000 years," he says. The university hopes to eventually construct a building on campus to house the Bible.

St. John's Abbey, one of the largest Benedictine monasteries in the world with about 200 monks, and St. John's University, founded by the abbey in 1857, commissioned Jackson in 1998 to create the St. John's Bible to celebrate the new millennium and the 150th anniversary of the monks' arrival, Ternes says.

Jackson, 66, who lettered official state documents as a scribe to Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office at the House of Lords, told Barbara Walters in a 1970 interview that he'd like to write the Bible someday. He has called it his Sistine Chapel.

Eventually, Jackson asked St. John's — sponsor of a well-known calligraphy con-

ference he had attended several times — "Do you want this?"

The Benedictines, whose order was founded in Italy by St. Benedict about A.D. 530, have a long tradition of manuscript sharing and preservation. St. John's agreed to the project, and the first words were written on Ash Wednesday 2000.

Writing the Bible is a demanding physical task, Jackson says.

The most anyone can work is 5½ hours a day, lettering one page takes between seven and 11 hours.

"You can't sit and say, 'Oh, a page a day,'" he says.

The seven volumes are being done out of order, but eventually will be arranged in the order of a Roman Catholic Bible. The finished version will include the Apocrypha, the books that Protestants don't view as divinely inspired Scripture.

Gospel and Acts was the first volume completed, in May 2002. The Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible and the same as the Jewish Torah, was completed in August 2003. Psalms was finished this April, and Jackson is working on the next volume, Prophets, due next February.

To mark the project's halfway point, a delegation — including Abbot John Klassen of St. John's Abbey, President Dietrich Reinhardt of St. John's University and Jackson — presented Pope John Paul II with a limited edition, full-size reproduction of Gospel and Acts last month.

The text of The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, a modern English translation, is the version being used. Its predecessor, The Revised Standard Version, was authorized for use by Protestant, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. Its language is gender-inclusive when referring to men and women.

At St. John's, a committee on illumination and text meets to discuss biblical interpretations. A mix of theologians and artists, the committee forwards its reflections to Jackson, who creates sketches and mock-ups of pages that are e-mailed back to the committee.

"One of the first things the committee said was we don't want an illustrated Bible. We don't want pictures of the life of Jesus or Moses tapping the rock or Adam eating the apple," Brother Alan Reed, a committee member, says.

Jackson, who was raised Methodist, and his team have responded with a beautiful vision that runs from Greek iconography and Jewish and Islamic symbols to startling modern images, such as a seven-panel Creation that includes a painting from a satellite view of the delta of the Ganges River.

The last image in Gospel is a view of the universe taken from the Hubble Space Telescope. To illustrate forgiveness, the parable of the Prodigal Son incorporates an image of the Twin Towers.

Jackson says using an image from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks is apt.

"Everybody felt that rage on 9/11," he says, "but on the other hand, when you read the story in the Bible, it's telling you you can't hate your way out of anything. You've got to love your way out."

# Branch Davidians are fearful end may be coming for sect

BY HOWARD WITT  
Chicago Tribune

WACO, Texas — The faithful gather every Saturday, the day they keep as Sabbath, waiting for their Messiah to return to the scene of his immolation here in a weedy field they call Mount Carmel.

They've been waiting for 11 years now, and they vow to go on waiting for as long as it takes until David Koresh comes back to lead them to the promised land.

There aren't many Branch Davidians left, their numbers having dwindled over the years due to death and dispersal and disillusion.

Only a half dozen show up for the Saturday prayers; another 20 or so less fervent believers are thought to live in the area.

But most religious cults do not survive the deaths of their charismatic leaders, so the remaining Branch Davidians count themselves blessed to have endured this long, especially considering the apocalyptic way so many of their relatives and friends died here on April 19, 1993.

On that infamous date, more than 70 Branch Davidians, 21 of them children, died in an explosive fire that culminated a violent 51-day standoff with the FBI. The siege had begun with a botched federal raid on the group's compound

to search for illegal weapons.

"Our hopes are that God will intervene prior to the rest of us dying," said Clive Doyle, caretaker of the Mount Carmel site and the keeper of the flickering Branch Davidian flame.

"But we do have to face facts: Eventually everyone gets old and dies. We worry that we will go the way of the Shakers and other groups that didn't get new members or have children."

There's not much left of the barn-like dormitory compound where the Branch Davidians made their last stand. Just some chunks of concrete foundation, a flooded cellar and an old swimming pool half-filled with black



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Branch Davidian Clive Doyle, who survived the 1993 shootout and fire at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, walks in front of a church that is on the site of the former compound.

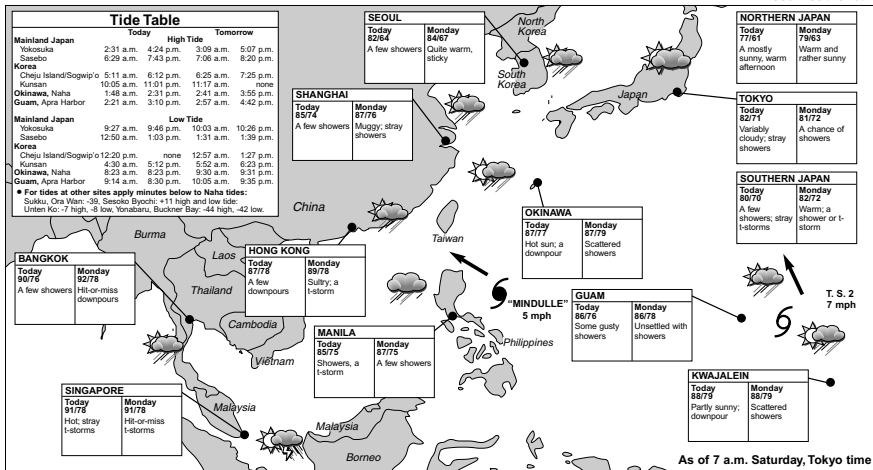
water remain.

A small chapel was erected on the site a few years ago in commemoration, and there is another

outbuilding nearby that serves as a makeshift museum with artifacts from the siege, next to a trailer home where Doyle lives.

# The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

### TOKYO

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 74.  
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 78.

### KADENA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 79.  
 Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 87, low 77.

### SEoul

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 66.  
 Wednesday: Showers, high 83, low 65.

### MANILA

Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 75.  
 Wednesday: Showers, high 89, low 75.

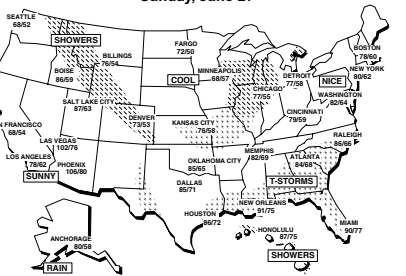
### HAGATNA

Tuesday: Showers, high 88, low 78.  
 Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 78.

## Friday's USA Temperatures

| CITY          | HIGH/LOW | CITY           | HIGH/LOW |
|---------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Albuquerque   | 86/61    | Los Angeles    | 82/62    |
| Amarillo      | 78/58    | Little Rock    | 88/68    |
| Anchorage     | 78/58    | Louisville     | 79/61    |
| Asheville     | 75/64    | Miami          | 92/79    |
| Baltimore     | 84/66    | Milwaukee      | 69/53    |
| Birmingham    | 81/67    | Nashville      | 79/64    |
| Bismarck      | 77/44    | New York       | 81/66    |
| Boise         | 94/65    | Omaha          | 76/56    |
| Boston        | 77/61    | Orlando        | 94/76    |
| Brownsville   | 91/78    | Philadelphia   | 85/68    |
| Buffalo       | 68/48    | Phoenix        | 108/82   |
| Burlington    | 70/50    | Pittsburgh     | 72/54    |
| Charlotte, SC | 89/76    | Portland, OR   | 75/58    |
| Charlotte, NC | 85/69    | Portland, ME   | 70/57    |
| Cleveland     | 64/52    | Salt Lake City | 90/64    |
| Columbus, OH  | 72/55    | St. Louis      | 75/58    |
| Dakota        | 62/43    | San Antonio    | 90/71    |
| El Paso       | 91/66    | San Diego      | 76/64    |
| Hartford      | 78/60    | San Juan       | 89/76    |
| Helena        | 79/54    | Tampa          | 92/79    |
| Indianapolis  | 72/53    | Tulsa          | 80/61    |
| Jacksonville  | 92/75    | Washington     | 86/68    |
| Kansas City   | 75/56    | Wichita        | 73/57    |

## Sunday, June 27



## U.S. Extended Forecast

Showers and thunderstorms will occur in portions of the Southeast and back into the southern Great Plains on Sunday. These thunderstorms could produce locally heavy rainfall and gusty winds. A couple of afternoon showers and thunderstorms are possible on Sunday afternoon in the Rocky Mountains as a stationary front remains parked in the region. The stationary front will also trigger a couple of showers and thunderstorms in portions of the Rocky Mountains Monday afternoon, while numerous showers and thunderstorms are possible in the Southwest. Showers and thunderstorms will still be a threat in the Southwest Tuesday. A couple of thunderstorms will also be possible in the Rocky Mountains and in the mid-Atlantic Tuesday afternoon.

## Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

| CITY         | HIGH/LOW | CITY      | HIGH/LOW | CITY      | HIGH/LOW |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Bangkok      | 90/76    | Iwakuni   | 82/70    | Sasebo NB | 81/71    |
| Beijing      | 93/75    | Kadena AB | 87/77    | Sapporo   | 77/61    |
| Camp Casey   | 82/65    | Kunsan AB | 79/68    | Seoul     | 82/64    |
| Christchurch | 55/39    | Kwajalein | 88/79    | Shanghai  | 85/74    |
| Diego Garcia | 81/73    | Manila    | 85/75    | Singapore | 91/78    |
| Hagatna      | 86/76    | Misawa AB | 71/60    | Sydney    | 63/47    |
| Hanoi        | 90/76    | Osan      | 81/66    | Taipei    | 85/68    |
| Hong Kong    | 90/76    | Perth     | 70/49    | Taipei    | 92/74    |
| Honolulu     | 87/75    | Pusan     | 77/68    | Tokyo     | 82/71    |

## Sunday's World Temperatures

| CITY        | HIGH/LOW | CITY           | HIGH/LOW |
|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Acapulco    | 91/77    | Budapest       | 79/58    |
| Athens      | 86/69    | Buenos Aires   | 65/50    |
| Auckland    | 60/50    | Cairo          | 100/67   |
| Baghdad     | 100/77   | Cancun         | 88/72    |
| Barbados    | 89/73    | Cape Town      | 52/35    |
| Barcelona   | 85/72    | Geneva         | 79/64    |
| Berlin      | 70/53    | Istanbul       | 79/63    |
| Bermuda     | 87/75    | Jerusalem      | 88/59    |
| Brussels    | 76/52    | Johannesburg   | 64/40    |
| Kabul       | 97/62    | Nairobi        | 77/51    |
| Kiev        | 70/49    | New Delhi      | 96/82    |
| London      | 112/79   | Oso            | 64/52    |
| London      | 70/54    | Paris          | 75/54    |
| Madrid      | 101/75   | Rio de Janeiro | 77/65    |
| Mexico City | 73/55    | Rome           | 89/70    |
| Montreal    | 79/63    | St. Petersburg | 75/52    |
| Moscow      | 74/54    | Stockholm      | 66/48    |
| Moscow      | 74/54    | Warsaw         | 70/53    |

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# End of the road for Ivanisevic

Roddick, Serena advance; Coria, Myskina eliminated

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — In the final set of his wild and crazy career, 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic was preparing to serve when a spectator cried out: "We love you, Goran!"

He paused, smiled, then smacked a service winner and pointed toward the admirer. Right before his next serve, a shout came from another section of the stands: "We love you, too, Goran!" He hit a volley winner, then pointed in that supporter's direction.

One of tennis' great showmen and a few serve-and-volleyers bid farewell at his favorite spot in the world, Centre Court at All England Club, with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 third-round loss Friday to Lleyton Hewitt, his successor as Wimbledon champion.

"Everything was right: the weather, the crowd, the court," the 32-year-old Croat said. "I'm happy and sad. I'm sad that I have to leave, but I'm happy that it's no more practicing. Was really great — 15 years. I really enjoyed every moment of my career."

So did fans, who delighted in his engaging play and personality. Some worry whether another player can provide similar entertainment now that he's retired.

"You should wait for another Goran. Is going to come," he said in his endearingly fractured English.

Every generation has its own Goran. So I was the Goran of this generation."

And the next generation? From the looks of things on Court 2 Friday, Andy Roddick could be that guy.

Swatting big serves, and following them to the net more than usual, the U.S. Open champion produced a nearly Goran-esque display of muttering during a



Goran Ivanisevic, the 2001 Wimbledon champion, salutes the crowd while wearing a Croatian soccer jersey after a loss to Lleyton Hewitt on Friday. Ivanisevic, 32, said he'd retire after the tournament.

6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-4 victory over 128th-ranked Alexander Peya of Austria.

After a backhand slice error, Roddick said: "Stick to your shots!" A fault: "Commit to your serve!" A long forehand: "Concentrate, Andy?" A weak backhand volley: "Gosh, Roddick, stick it!" When he hit a serve to Peya's backhand to win a point, a voice in the players' guest seats called out, "Way to mix it up!" Roddick wheeled to respond, "Mix it up? I've been going there 80 percent of the time."

Roddick was critical of his play. "It was OK, I still don't feel like I'm playing my best tennis. I have to pick up my game in the next round."

That's Saturday against No. 26 Taylor Dent, another big-serving American, who defeated Stefano Pescosolido 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (3). The winner moves into the round of 16, joining No. 7 Hewitt, No. 9 Carlos Moya, No. 10 Sebastien Grosjean and — most surprisingly — No. 27 Robby Ginepri, who ousted No. 6 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Two other highly seeded players who aren't as comfortable on grass as clay lost: No. 2 Anastasia Myskina and No. 3 Guillermo Coria. Myskina (2004) and Ferrero (2003) won the French Open; Coria was the 2003 runner-up.

Amy Frazier, who beat Myskina to reach Wimbledon's fourth round for the first time since 1996, next faces No. 13 Maria Sharapova, while 1999 winner Lindsay Davenport advances. Two-time defending champion Serena Williams, No. 4 Amelie Mauresmo and No. 7 Jennifer Capriati reached the third round.

See Page 38 for scores.

# Umpire who made error in Venus' loss is punished

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — The chair umpire who awarded an extra point to Venus Williams' opponent during her second-round loss at Wimbledon won't work another match during the tournament.

"I have now discussed the incident with the chair umpire concerned, and we have agreed it will be in the best interests of both parties if he takes no further part in the event," tournament referee Alan Mills said Friday.

The umpire's office wouldn't comment.

Ted Watts of Britain mistakenly gave Karolina Sprem a point she didn't earn in the final tiebreaker of Thursday's 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6) upset of Williams, the 2000-01 Wimbledon champion.

The error made it 2-2 in the tiebreaker. Williams built a 6-3 edge but lost the next five points for her earliest loss at All England Club since her 1997 debut.

"I'd like to think he didn't do it on purpose," Williams said. "I don't think one call makes a match."

She led the tiebreaker 2-1 when Sprem hit a first serve ruled wide by the line judge, but put her arm out and shouted, "Fault!"

Williams casually hit the ball over the net, and Sprem smacked a backhand into the open court. Williams stood still at the baseline, figuring it was time for a second serve.

But Sprem announced the score as 2-2, the sort of mistake that occurs very so often but generally is noticed right away by one of the players or another on-court official.

With the players apparently unaware Sprem received a point she shouldn't have, they lined up again in the same positions for what both thought was a second serve. Indeed, Sprem put a safe offering in, and Williams laced a backhand return winner. That should have made it 3-1 for Williams, but Ted Watts called it 2-2.

"Unfortunately, the way it happened, Venus didn't query it at the time," Mills said. "They



Chair umpire Ted Watts, who gave Karolina Sprem a point she didn't earn in a second-set tiebreaker on Thursday, will not work another match in this year's tournament.

played point after point afterward, and the result, I'm afraid, stands as is."

Other top players thought Williams or Sprem should have questioned the call.

Serena Williams, who said she didn't watch her sister's match, questioned why Sprem didn't acknowledge the error at the time.

"As a competitor and as a professional, you should be able to distinguish between right and wrong," said the two-time defending champion. "I've never been in a situation like that before. I'm an honest individual. If I were in that situation, I know I'd make the right choice."

Andy Roddick, seeded No. 2 in the men's draw, said both players and all the officials were partly responsible.

"Something like that shouldn't happen at a tournament of this magnitude," he said. "Personally I'd have trouble just taking a point from someone. I've heard that no one noticed and stuff, but if it's the biggest match of your life, I figure you know what the score is. ... I'd have a real issue just pretending like nothing was wrong and just taking the point."

Sprem said Thursday she was confused but was focusing on the match.

# Howell shoots record 61 at Avenel

The Associated Press

POTOMAC, Md. — Charles Howell III shot a course-record 10-under 61, including a 28 on his final nine holes, to take a

lead Thursday in the Booz Allen Classic. Howell went bird.

ie-eagle-eagle on the three par 5s and made six putts of 15 feet or longer en route to the lowest opening-round score this year on the PGA Tour. It was the second-lowest overall round of the season.

"It was one of those funny days where everything tends to work your way," said Howell. "The best you can do is get out of the way and let it continue to happen."

Par took a beating on a perfect day with little wind and soft and smooth greens. The average score was a course record 70.897.

Rich Beem, the 1999 winner, and Olin Browne opened with 64s on the TPC at Avenel, and Jeff Sluman shot 65.

Saiki sets pace in LPGA event

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Kim Saiki, winless in 13 years on the LPGA Tour, shot a bogey-free 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Candie Kung after the first round of the Rochester LPGA.

Hall of Famer Juli Inkster shot

a 68 while Annika Sorenstam and defending champion Rachel Teske shot 72.

Woonnam, Remsey lead French Open

VERSAILLES, France — Ian Woonnam and Jean-Fran Eois Remsey topped the leader board

at 6-under par Friday after two rounds of the French Open.

Welsh veteran Woonnam shot 2-under 69 and Remsey had a 4-under 67 to lead the \$3.6 million event.

First-round leader Darren Fitchard from South Africa shot 73 and is three behind the leaders.

## Golf roundup

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# Judge tells feds to investigate leak of sprinter's grand jury testimony

By DAVID KRAVETS  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A judge on Friday ordered federal prosecutors to investigate whether the government leaked grand jury transcripts in which sprinter Tim Montgomery testified he used performance-enhancing drugs.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston, presiding over the case of four men accused of distributing steroids, demanded that the men's attorneys and their clients also sign sworn declarations that they did not illegally release the transcripts to the San Francisco Chronicle, which published some of Montgomery's testimony Thursday.

"I'm curious to know how that got there," Illston said during a fiery hearing in which prosecu-

tors and defense lawyers pointed fingers at one another.

Prosecutor Jeff Nedrow said he did not believe the government divulged Montgomery's testimony. Before about a dozen defense attorneys, Nedrow told Illston that "the universe of people who have gotten the transcripts are standing before you."

An outraged Tony Serra, who is defending Greg Anderson, Barry Bonds' trainer and one of the four indicted by a grand jury, said he was "absolutely sure" defense attorneys did not breach Illston's protective order.

"The motive or the prejudice lies with the prosecution," he said.

The Chronicle did not report how it obtained what it published. Montgomery, the world's fastest man, testified he used human

growth hormone and a then-undetectable steroid, and that the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative's founder, Victor Conte, told him he gave Bonds, the San Francisco Giants slugger, performance-enhancers, according to the Chronicle. The newspaper's report included direct quotes from Montgomery's testimony.

Conte is among the four charged with illegally distributing steroids. The others indicted are BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Kerechenny. All four men have pleaded not guilty.

Bonds, Montgomery and other athletes testified last fall before the grand jury that ultimately indicted the four men.

It is illegal to give grand jury testimony to the media, and Illston said she was considering the possibility for disclosing the testimony.

# Road course could bring promising turn for R. Gordon

By MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

SANOMIA, Calif. — Robby Gordon is the driver to beat any time the NASCAR Nextel Cup series finds itself at a road course.

He's the favorite going into the Dodge/Save Mart 350 on Sunday, a race he dominated last year and won on the 1.99-mile, 10-turn Infineon Raceway circuit. Gordon made it a road-course double last August by winning in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

The Richard Childress Racing driver is justifiably proud of his ability on the road courses. So, it was a surprise when he chose to use of his limited number of official tests at Infineon earlier this month.

"We are pretty confident we have the road-course game dialed in, but there is always room for improvement," Gordon said. "Some people asked me why we were going out there to test, but it just made sense."

"Practice makes perfect, right? Plus, we work all year long turning left, and to get one of these 3,400-pound stock cars to turn right is completely different and it also just helped me get back into the shifting groove."

Gordon said the team concentrated on gear boxes and transmissions during the test as well as feeling out the newly paved track expected to yield a qualifying record Friday.

A win at Infineon would be a big boost for Gordon and his No. 31 Chevrolet team. He goes into the race 20th in the Cup standings and, more important, 293 points out of 10th place and 666 behind series leader Jimmie Johnson.

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Robby Gordon

for the Championship, the top 10 and other drivers within 400 points of the leader after 26 races will get have the opportunity to compete for the title

in the final 10 events.

The race Sunday will be the 16th of the season, so time is starting to work against Gordon.

The road courses present a big opportunity for the former open-wheel star, still trying to overcome points lost through crashes at Daytona and Rockingham in the first two races this season.

Gordon he expects to make up some ground on the leaders on Sunday.

"Some of the other drivers currently ranked higher than I tend to struggle on road courses," he said. "So, if everything plays in our favor, we could make up 40 to 50 points on some of those top guys right now."

After testing, Gordon is confident he can win again — if everything comes together as planned.

"Road racing does bring the driver out a bit more, but there are a lot of things that also come into play," Gordon said. "You have to have a pit crew that can get you in and out of the pits without losing five positions. You have to get good fuel mileage, manage your tires and maintain track position."

"The fastest car doesn't always win the race. It is about being on top of your game across the board to win the race."



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# Cal State Fullerton joins Texas in final

BY ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Jason Windsor knows the Cal State Fullerton team that lost twice to Texas in March is nothing like the one the Longhorns will face in the College World Series finale.

Texas beat the Titans' top two pitchers, Windsor and Ricky Romero, at a time when Fullerton was in the midst of compiling a 15-16 record.

Fullerton's 40 victory over South Carolina on Thursday marked the Titans' 30th victory in 36 games.

"There isn't anything about us that is even similar to what we have been then," Windsor said. "A complete 180."

The best-of-three championship series begins Saturday.

The top-seeded Longhorns (58-13), playing for their second national championship in three years, advanced Wednesday with a 7-6 victory over Georgia.

Windsor, who has pitched 12 innings of shutout ball in the CWS, is a microcosm of the Titans' improvement. He has won 11 straight starts after opening the season 1-4.

The final series will pit Texas coach Augie Garrido against his old team and former top assistant, George Horton.

Garrido won 931 games and three national championships in two stints totaling 21 seasons at Fullerton.

Since taking over at Fullerton after Garrido left eight years ago, Horton has guided the Titans to four College World Series.

"With Coach Garrido and Coach Horton and their relationship over the years, there aren't going to be too many secrets," South Carolina coach Ray Tanner said. "I would not make a prediction, but I'll be watching. I expect it to be exciting baseball."

Horton's team was on the brink of reaching the championship round last season after winning its first two CWS games, but the Titans were eliminated after two losses to Stanford.

"I'm awful excited, obviously, because this is the first time a George Horton-led Titan team got into the championship series," Horton said. "I'm so proud of these guys, I can't believe it."

Scott Sarver pitched five-hit ball over six-plus innings, and Windsor finished to lead the Titans (45-22) to the finals for the first time since the 1995 team won the title.

Sarver, pitching for his third club in three years, was brilliant in only his second start of



Ronnie Prettyman, right, and Bobby Andrews celebrate Cal State Fullerton's 40 victory over South Carolina on Thursday. The Titans reached the CWS final for the first time since winning the national title in 1995.

the season. Sarver (3-2) struck out seven and walked two.

"What a wonderful experience for me and for our team," Sarver said. "My goal was to give our team a chance to win and try and go deep into the game so we didn't have to burn Windsor too much for the Texas series. I know he's a horse, and I'm sure he'll be ready to go."

Windsor, who earned his first career save, limited the Gamecocks to three hits and struck out the side in the ninth.

Fullerton became the first team

since Pepperdine in 1992 to record two shutouts in one College World Series and the first since California in 1957 to shut out the same opponent twice.

The Gamecocks became the first team to be shut out twice in the same CWS since Fullerton in 1982.

The Titans took a 3-0 lead in the fourth against Matt Campbell (10-6) on Felipe Garcia's double and singles by Bobby Andrews and Neil Walton. They added a run when Ronnie Prettyman homered in the seventh.

# Ohio St. will not pursue Knight

From wire reports

DALLAS — Bob Knight is staying at Texas Tech.

The Texas Tech men's basketball coach released a statement

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Thursday saying he accepted late Wednesday that Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger would not offer him the Buckeyes' vacant coaching job.

Geiger called Knight during the afternoon Thursday to inform him personally. Tech associate head coach Pat Knight and athletic director Gerald Myers told The Dallas Morning News.

Pat Knight said his father, Bob, intends to sign a three-year contract extension that binds him to the Red Raiders through 2009.

Thursday's events ended the speculation that Bob Knight, 63, would leave Tech for his alma mater, where he was part of the 1960 national championship.

Woman says she was asked to change Ohio St. player's grades

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The woman at the center of the lawsuit that led to the firing of Ohio State basketball coach Jim O'Brien said Friday that assistant coach Pat Biancardi directed her to ask professors to change a former player's grades.

A Columbus child-care provider, Kathleen Salyers, is suing her former employers, Dan and Kim Roslovic, for more than \$600,000, charging that they promised to pay her \$1,000 a month plus expenses to let Buckeyes player Boban Savovic live in her home.

The lawsuit also alleges that O'Brien gave \$6,800 to Ohio State recruit Aleksandar Radojevic in 1999. O'Brien was fired June 8 by athletic director Andy Geiger after he gave the money to Radojevic, who never enrolled in school or played for the Buckeyes.

Biancardi told Salyers that Savovic would go to prison and he would be beaten if he was sent back home to war-torn Yugoslavia, she said.

# Defending IRL champ Dixon struggling

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Scott Dixon had a dream season as a rookie in the Indy Racing League: He won three of his first seven events, led for 748 laps and finished as IRL champion.

This year has been another story. The 23-year-old New Zealander has led for only three laps coming into this weekend's SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond International Raceway, with his best result a runner-up finish in Phoenix.

"We've been in a little up and down," Dixon said Thursday. "We've struggled a little and had some crashes.... We've been trying our hardest. We haven't tried any less than what we have any other year."

At Richmond last year, Dixon put on a clinic in on-wheel racing, leading the entire way to capture the first wire-to-wire victory in IRL history. With two accidents in five starts this year, however, Dixon is only sixth in the points standings, trailing leader Tony Kanaan by 88 points.

Kanaan, a 29-year-old Brazilian, has been the dominant force so far, winning two events and placing second in two others to rack up 210 points, the best start in his IRL career. Kanaan also led at this stage last year before finishing a fifth at Richmond.

"There's a long way to go in the season, so we have to take it one race at a time," he said.

Anything can happen on Dixon's three-quarter-mile oval, the shortest on the

IRL circuit. The tight turns and high-banking walls cause numerous bunch-ups and crashes, with nine of 20 starters failing to finish in the series debut three years ago.

IRL also has been resurfaced, leading organizers to promise even higher speeds than the 168 mph Dixon posted in winning the pole last year. Racers say the track is the most physically demanding on the circuit because the 16-second laps require an immense amount of concentration and there are no long straightaways in which drivers can relax.

"It's like (being) on a piece of string that's being thrown around somebody's head," said driver Darin Manning. "You're pulling over five Gs in the corners... you think you're going to fly over the top of the grandstands coming out of the turns."

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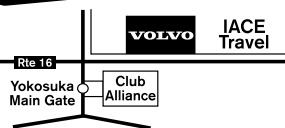
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# Shooting for a title

## Astros get Beltran to help drive for World Series

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — While Roger Clemens was winning yet another game, Houston General Manager Gerry Hunsicker was busy getting him more help.

Clemens became the first 10-game winner in the majors, pitching Houston to a 3-2 victory Thursday night over the Pittsburgh Pirates on a big night all around for the Astros.

During the game, Houston acquired star centerfielder Carlos Beltran from Kansas City as part of a three-way trade that also sent closer Octavio Dotel from the Astros to Oakland.

"This is obviously huge for our organization," Hunsicker said. "Carlos Beltran is one of the most exciting, complete players in our game today."

"He's the prototype we've been looking for for a long time. He's going to be a very exciting force for us in the middle of our lineup."

The Royals wound up with three prospects: highly touted third baseman Mark Teahen and right-hander Mike Wood from Oakland, and catcher John Buck from the Astros.

Beltran can become a free agent this fall — but for now, he gives Houston one of the most tal-

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ented players in baseball to go along with a hard-throwing rotation and an experienced lineup.

"They're trying to give us that little extra edge," said Craig Biggio, who probably will shift from center field to left to make room for Beltran. "It's going to be fun."

"When you have a chance to get an All-Star like Beltran, you do it. Then you worry about filling in holes," Hunsicker said. "He significantly makes us better; he is an impact player."

The Astros, who have never even won a playoff series, are fourth in the NL Central, five games behind first-place St. Louis. Adding Beltran might make Houston the team to beat.

Beltran, the 1999 AL Rookie of the Year, is hitting .278 with 15 homers, 51 RBIs and 14 steals.

Clemens (10-2) earned his 320th victory, moving within four of Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton for 12th place on the career list. The Rocket allowed two runs — one earned — and four hits in seven innings. He also had four strikeouts, giving him 4,200 for his career, second only to Ryan's 5,714. "Those first nine wins weren't

as easy as they looked to some people," Clemens said. "Tonight wasn't easy, either. It's a long road and sometimes you just try to stay the course."

In other NL games Thursday:

**Giants 9, Dodgers 3:** A.J. Pierzynski had two run-scoring doubles, Marquis Grissom homered and the Giants won their sixth straight to complete a four-game sweep.

The game also featured the second bench-clearing scuffle in two days. San Francisco's Michael Tucker and Dodgers closer Eric Gagne were ejected in the eighth inning for nearly starting a brawl after Tucker dived away from a high pitch by the NL Cy Young Award winner.

**Braves 9, Marlins 4:** Chipper Jones, J.D. Drew and Nick Green drove in two runs apiece as visiting Atlanta avoided being swept.

Drew doubled twice and tripled as Atlanta snapped a three-game losing streak. The Braves roughed up Dontrelle Willis (6-5) and won for just the second time in eight games.

**Cardinals 4, Cubs 0:** In St. Louis, Chris Carpenter (8-2) threw eight innings and also had two hits and an RBI. The NL Central leaders took two of three from their closest challenger and lead the division by three games.



Los Angeles reliever Eric Gagne, left, is restrained by teammate Adrian Beltre after being thrown out of Thursday night's game against Los Angeles following a confrontation with San Francisco's Michael Tucker.

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## Bonds is incensed with Montgomery

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds avoided specifics Thursday when asked about the latest doping allegations against him, instead unleashing a flurry of expletives toward sprinter Tim Montgomery.

Montgomery reportedly testified to a grand jury that the man at the center of a Bay Area steroid scandal told him he supplied the San Francisco Giants slugger with performance-enhancing drugs.

"I ain't never met Tim Montgomery. I don't know Tim Montgomery. I've never seen the dude in my life," Bonds said before the Giants' game against Los Angeles. "I don't even know what the guy does."

According to a report Thursday in the San Francisco Chronicle, Montgomery testified last year that BALCO founder Victor Conte told him Bonds switched to an undetectable steroid in 2003 when baseball introduced its drug policy.

Asked if he feels betrayed by someone he doesn't know, Bonds said: "Betrayed by someone I've never met before? I didn't get betrayed. ... I don't

even know who he is. So how he's making accusations of me I don't even know."

Conte's lawyer, Robert Holley, called Montgomery's accusations "absolutely untrue."

"Victor Conte has repeatedly said from the very beginning that he has never provided Barry Bonds with steroids, has never seen Barry Bonds take steroids or take any kind of performance-enhancing drugs," Holley said.

Holley said Conte never would have confided in Montgomery, that the sprinter split with Conte in 2001 and would have had no way to know what went on with Bonds in 2003.

The newspaper's report included direct quotes from Montgomery's testimony to the federal grand jury that investigated the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The Chronicle didn't say how it obtained the information.

"It's stupid. I didn't read the thing. I just heard about it," Bonds said.

The six-time NL MVP, who turns 40 next month, has repeatedly denied steroid use.

"It bothers me when people I don't even know are saying stuff about me," Bonds said.

## Homer in 18th ends longest day

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers only had to wait 18 innings to get a victory. Brian Shouse had to wait 112 games.

Shouse got two outs for his first career victory and Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer in the 18th inning Thursday to give Texas a 9-7 win over Seattle in the longest game of the season.

"Seeing us in the clubhouse having a good time, that's more exciting than getting the first win,"

Shouse said. "I was in the right place at the right time. I'm glad we won, period."

The AL West-leading Rangers overcame a 5-1 deficit, tying it 7-7 on Mark Teixeira's RBI single in the ninth. Their six-game winning streak is the longest current run in the majors and their longest this season.

Shouse (1-0) was the last of seven Texas relievers, with the last six combining for 11<sup>2</sup>/3 scoreless innings.

"They gave us opportunity after opportunity going out there and putting up zeros on the board," said catcher Rod Barajas, who hit two solo homers. "It took us a while to finally capitalize on what they were doing."

Hank Blalock led off the 18th with a single and Soriano followed with his 10th homer, a shot



AP

Alfonso Soriano exults after hitting a two-run homer in the 18th inning to give Texas a 9-7 victory over Seattle, ending the major's longest game of the season.

to left off Jamie Moyer (6-3) on the game's 552nd pitch.

"When you lose a game like this, it takes something out of you," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said.

It was the longest game in the majors since St. Louis beat Florida 7-6 in 20 innings on April 27, 2003. It matched the longest game in Rangers history; Seattle has twice played 20-inning games.

The 5-hour, 47-minute game was 43 minutes longer than the previous two games combined.

The teams used eight pitchers, sent 74 batters to the plate for a combined 129 official at-bats — nine each by Blalock (three hits) and Seattle second baseman J. Albert Cabrera (one hit) — and had 35 hits and stranded 32 runners.

The 35-year-old Shouse, drafted in 1990 by Pittsburgh, is in his second season with Texas and only the fourth in the majors. The four relievers before him each pitched at least two innings.

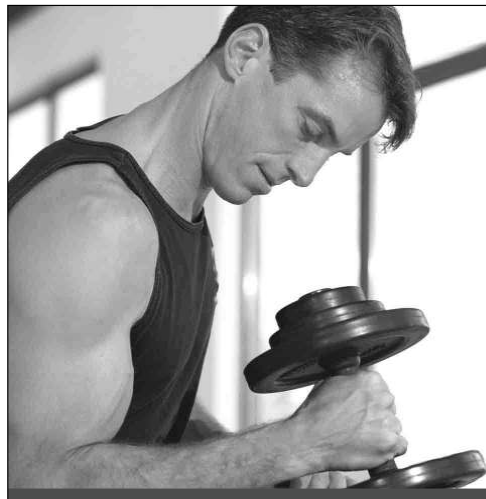
"I took each one of those guys to the brink of where I wanted to take them," manager Buck Showalter said. "The bullpen was very good, that goes without saying."

The Rangers tied it in the ninth when Brad Fuller hit a one-out double off closer Eddie Guardado and scored on the single by Teixeira, who was later thrown out trying to score.

"It's one of those days it just didn't work," said Guardado, who had saves in 14 of 17 previous chances.

In another AL game Thursday: **Yankees 5, Orioles 2:** Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter homered to back Javier Vazquez (8-5), who allowed two runs in the first inning and blanked the host Orioles over the next six.

Rodriguez hit a two-run shot in the third inning to tie the game and Jeter gave the Yankees the lead for good with a two-run drive in the fifth off Sidney Ponson (3-10), who lost his seventh straight decision.



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# Fountain of youth

## Magic take Howard No. 1; Eight preps go in top 20

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Peach fuzz was more valued than razor stubble, and a high school diploma carried more weight than a college degree in the NBA Draft.

A leaguewide youth movement was the theme of the night Thursday, with eight high schoolers chosen in the first round — including the overall No. 1 pick, Dwight Howard of Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy.

The Orlando Magic decided to take Howard over Eneke Okafor, the junior who led Connecticut to the NCAA championship. Okafor is more mature and has a better résumé, but Howard has more promise.

At least that was the way the Magic saw it.

"When you have the first pick, your responsibility is to pick the best player," Magic General Manager John Weisbrod said. "Our guys had a lot of conviction that he was the best player."

That statement is certain to follow Weisbrod around for the next decade or so while the league watches the development of Howard, a baby-faced 18-year-old, and compares it to that of Okafor, who went second to the Charlotte Bobcats.

Okafor answered with sarcasm when asked about being passed over in favor of someone three years his junior. "It made me feel real special, all warm inside."

Howard became the third prep player in the past four years to be selected first overall, joining Kwame Brown and LeBron James. Seven more high schoolers were picked before Jameer Nelson, the college player of the year at Saint Joseph's, who dropped to the Denver Nuggets at No. 20 and was subsequently dealt to Orlando for a future No. 1 pick.

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The Orlando Magic on Thursday night made Dwight Howard of Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy the third prep player in the past four years selected first overall in the NBA Draft. The 6-foot-11, 240-pound forward averaged 25 points, 18 rebounds and eight blocks per game his senior season. See draft list on Page 39.



Astros acquire  
coveted outfielder  
Beltran in quest  
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Soriano's homer  
in 18th brings  
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Former champ  
Ivanisevic calls it  
a career after  
loss to Hewitt  
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Charlotte  
Emeka  
Okafor

Forward/  
Center

UConn



3



Chicago  
Ben  
Gordon

Guard  
UConn



4



L.A. Clippers  
(from Orlando)  
Shaun  
Livingston

Guard  
Peoria (Ill.)  
Central  
H.S.



5



Washington  
Devin  
Harris  
Guard

Wisconsin



(Traded  
to Dallas)



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